



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Animal Care Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Shannon Sims

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Amendment to Brackenridge Veterinary Clinic.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the three-year Lease Agreement with Spay Neuter Network (SNN) for the operation and management of the Brackenridge Veterinary Clinic located at 210 Tuleta. This amendment increases the lease agreement by \$ 201,000.00 from \$130,000.00 to \$331,000.00 for the lease agreement ending September 30, 2025. Year one funding increases by \$87,000.00, of which \$50,000.00 will be used for operational support, and \$37,000.00 for reimbursement of up to 300 free surgeries for San Antonio residents for a total amount of \$157,000.00. Funding for subsequent years of the agreement will increase by \$57,000.00 from \$30,000.00 to \$87,000.00, for a new total contract amount of \$331,000.00 ending September 30, 2025. Funding in the amount of \$157,000.00 is available from the FY 2023 General Fund Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget. In addition, this amendment removes the term requiring SNN to complete 250 free spay-neuter operations at their own cost.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On November 10, 2022, through Ordinance No. 2022-11-10-0876, City Council authorized a Lease Agreement with Spay Neuter Network to manage and operate the Brackenridge Veterinary Clinic located at 210 Tuleta. The Agreement currently provides Spay Neuter Network (SNN) with \$70,000.00 in the first year for start-up expenses, plus up to \$30,000.00 in Year 2 and subsequent years for additional surgeries beyond the contracted amount. In return, SNN will manage and operate the Brackenridge clinic and provide a minimum of 6,500 spay and neuter surgeries and low-cost wellness services in the community. Per this agreement SNN will manage and operate the Brackenridge clinic, provide 6,500 low-cost surgeries for San Antonio pets annually, and perform 250 free spay/neuter surgeries at their own operational expense.

To support SNN in maintaining an affordable rate for spay and neuter services, ACS is recommending amending the current agreement to provide SNN with additional funds. ACS is proposing the following modifications to the current Agreement:

The proposed modifications to the current Agreement include:

1. Removing the contract requirement for SNN to provide 250 free surgeries at their own expense and replacing it with a term that reimburses SNN up to \$37,000.00 annually for providing up to 300 free surgeries, vaccines and microchips, to San Antonio pet owners. This change will keep reimbursement rates consistent with other ACS contracts that reimburse partners for free surgeries.
2. Removing the term providing funding for exceeding the surgery target.
3. Providing \$50,000.00 annually for operational subsidies that will ensure the costs of paid surgeries remains affordable for San Antonio residents.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the Lease Agreement between Animal Care Services Department (ACS) and Spay Neuter Network (SNN) for the operation and management of the Brackenridge Veterinary Clinic in order to provide SNN with additional funding for up to 300 free surgeries for San Antonio pets and for operational support to ensure that paid surgeries remain low-cost.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council not approve the ordinance, the Lease Agreement with Spay Neuter Network to operate the Brackenridge Veterinary Clinic would continue as is.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Lease Agreement with Spay Neuter Network to operate the Brackenridge Veterinary Clinic.