

Multnomah County Animal Services

Community Advisory Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date	Time	Location
August 13th, 2026	6:30-8:30 PM	Multnomah Building

Welcome, Soft Start

- **Announcements:**

- Co-facilitation presentation by Stephanie & Gray
- Happy birthday Taylor & Happy Retirement Erin!
- New Director has been hired!

I. Data Gathering and recommendations Break out groups

Get with your group (assigned from the last meeting) and discuss what you learned. Be prepared to share with the whole group (1-2 min summary)

II. Large Group Discussion

Whole group discussion on each group's findings.

Discussion:

Findings:

- **Group 1:**

- Resources for many services, but mostly small non-profits and are turning people away or extremely long waitlists.
- OHS has affordable care options and is only behavior support option - but location is not very accessible.
- One of the highest needs is spay/neuter
- No resources for grooming
- Not a lot of other language options

- Some people are turning to resources outside the county - Corvallis, Astoria, WA state
- No resources for preventative urgent and emergent care and/or specialty care
- Group 2:
 - Major dependence on non-profits
 - Require prospective change, grants, funding, effort from MCAS
 - Affordable is such a broad term
 - Free, sliding scale, or pay what you can - or max \$75-\$150
 - "Affordable care" Feels like coded for subsidized non-profit
 - Veterinary practices typically don't list prices - making looking for affordable options very difficult.
- Group 3:
 - Looking at data on reasons for owner surrenders from MCAS, the biggest reason for surrenders is behavior issues (how reliable is this information given that MCAS is not an owner surrender facility, and are clients being completely forthcoming?)
 - Some of these do have a financial components to them
 - Feasibility/scalability
 - Sustainability
 - Cost effectiveness/fundability
 - Depth of need/equity
 - Gap vs. duplication

III. Priority Screening

Discussion on what it means to prioritize. Looking at the different resources and the priorities discussed by the group, fill each box in the matrix with a score of 1-7.

- **Discussion:**

Community Resource Priorities Matrix	Prevention Impacts	Reach	Depth of Need/Equity	Fundability	Gap	Feasibility	Sustainability
Affordable Routine Vet Care							
Affordable Accident/Illness Vet Care							
Training & Behavior support							
Grooming							

Pet Supplies							
Educational resources for pet ownership							
Spay and neuter							

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Homework is as follows:

1. No homework assigned - will continue filling in Matrix at the next meeting.

Next Meeting September 10th, 2026