

## Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter Summary of Facility Needs Assessment

In 2023, Animal Arts Design Studios, a Colorado-based architectural firm specializing in the design of animal care projects, provided a needs assessment for future facilities to serve Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter. After conducting a workshop and extensive meetings with staff, analyzing animal capacities required to serve the community, and reviewing the essential needs of all programs provided by YVAS, Animal Arts recommends a project that meets the following parameters:

**20,900 GSF of interior conditioned square footage**

**2,645 GSF of exterior covered square footage**

**1,800 GSF of utility structures**

Animal Housing in the new animal shelter is proposed as outlined in the chart below. This capacity will accommodate peak seasonal animal intakes and growth in the community.

	REQUIRED CAPACITY
<i>Adult Dog</i>	62
<i>Puppies</i>	6
<i>Adult Cats</i>	72
<i>Kittens</i>	43
<i>Other</i>	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>

Animal Arts recommends that Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter builds on a site with a minimum size of three to five acres, and more if additional future programs and/or partnerships are to be considered.

Below are some recommended qualities of a new site for Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter:

- In an area where YVAS can best serve its community.
- Not in a FEMA flood zone or plain.
- City utilities and three-phase power are available.
- Proper zoning designations and/or ability to rezone or achieve special use permits.
- In a safe area, easily accessible to visitors.
- Near a quiet area to allow for outdoor dog activities without disturbing neighbors.

**END OF MEMO**