



Animal Services Update

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**Veterinary clinic for shelter animals
Current Big “FIX” Rig repurposed from Hurricane
Katrina and brought to YCAS in 2012**



YCAS Clinic in a Can (CIAC)

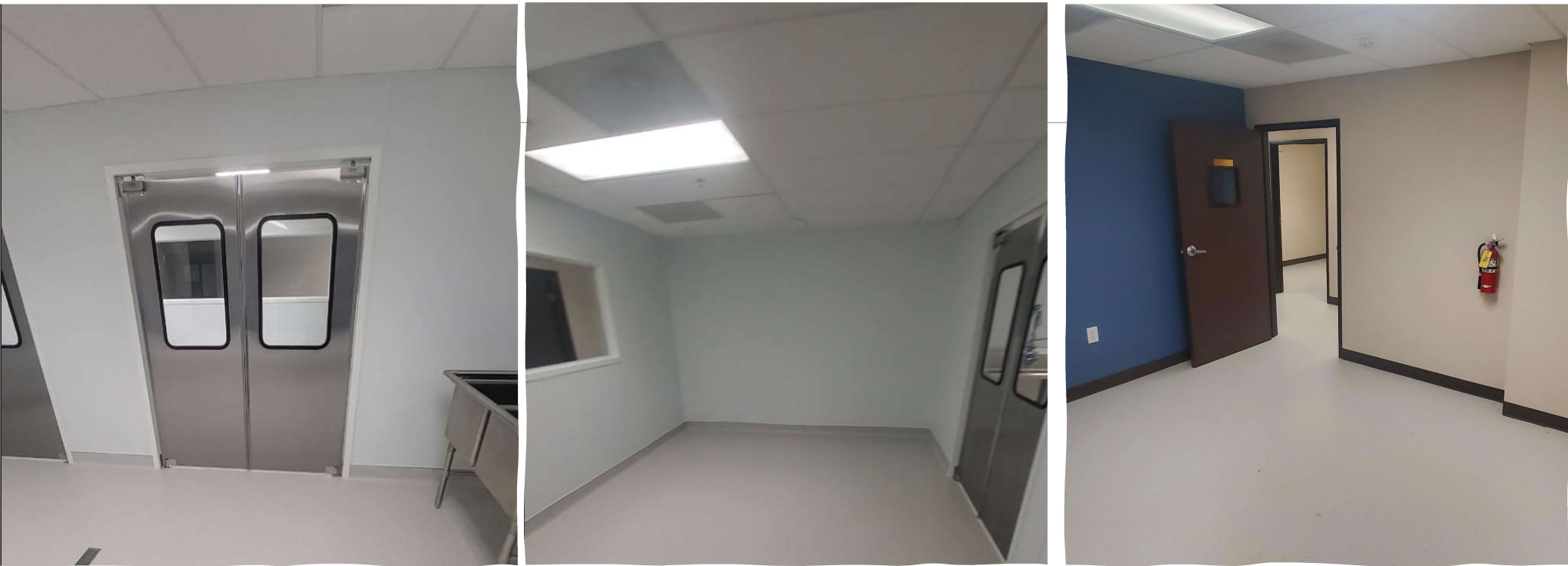
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS



Next Steps:

- Pour Concrete Pad
- Installation, Fall 2025

2A Community Spay/Neuter Clinic



Next Steps:

- RFQ for Non-profit/private partner to operate the clinic
- Will offer market rate, low and no cost spay /neuter service
- Outfitting with surgical equipment-transfer of grant funds

Donation Acceptance

- Donations are currently deposited in an account for general YCAS purposes.
- Community members have expressed interest in donating for a specific purpose. Six major funding areas have been identified:
 - Community Spay Neuter
 - Angel Fund for Urgent and Specialized Medical Cases
 - New Animal Shelter
 - Current Shelter Upgrades
 - Community Outreach and Access to Care Events (microchipping, vaccinations)
 - Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program
- **Requested Action:** Delegate authority to the Director of Animal Services to accept both restricted and unrestricted donations in alignment with the County's Donations Acceptance Policy and the established goals and objectives of the Animal Services Division.
- Restricted donations with a clear intent will be deposited into one of the 6 accounts listed above. If no intent or unclear intent is provided, then the funds will be deposited for general YCAS purposes.

Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency Joint Powers Authority (YASPA JPA)

- **YASPA JPA Purpose:** To explore operational models, staffing and program options related to the provisions of Animal Services
- **April 16, 2025, Meeting:** YASPA JPA Board agreed that each member agency should gauge the interest of their governing body to further examine the merits of alternative governance structures, including that of an Operational JPA, or remain “status quo” under County Governance.
 - Yolo County Board of Supervisors would be the first to gauge interest in exploring alternative governance options and costs
 - If the BOS is interested in moving forward, then each of the other Members will follow suit with a similar request of their councils / governing bodies
 - If all agencies agree then the CAO will work with the various city managers, and UC Davis to reach an agreeable methodology to prepare an analysis

Examples of Governance Models

Status Quo: Yolo County provides all Animal Services to the five contract agencies.

JPA: Yolo County and the five contract agencies form a JPA (Joint Powers Agency), which is directly responsible for administering the Animal Services program, including hiring employees and providing animal services to the entire county.

JPA, which contracts with a non-profit or for-profit organization for services: Yolo County and the five contract agencies form a JPA, which then contracts with a non-profit or for-profit organization to provide animal services to the entire county.

Hybrid Model: Yolo County and the five contract agencies form a JPA, which contracts with a non-profit (e.g., Yolo SPCA) for the provision of animal sheltering, and with a public agency (e.g., County) for the provision of field services (i.e., law enforcement, nuisance abatement, primary public health/rabies control aspects, animal cruelty investigations, licensing).

Expand Current Planning JPA: YASPA expands role to be more inclusive of policy, budgeting, and operations decisions under the current Animal Services structure.

Other options as may be identified: There are no preconceived ideas of what a future model could look like. Further analysis and exploration may identify other governance models that are worth considering.

Recommended Action

- Receive Updates
 - Delegate authority to the Director of Animal Services to accept restricted and unrestricted donations in alignment with the County's Donations Acceptance Policy and the established goals and objectives of the Animal Services Division
 - Consider interest in evaluating the full range of alternative governance models for Animal Services, and direct staff to begin conversations with partner agencies to agree on a methodology to prepare an analysis and return to the Board of Supervisors and partner agency City Councils for review and considerations.
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