



# Navigating Animal Control Services in Lindsay

# State Requirements for Animal Control Services

01

## Sheltering and Adoption Services

Provide shelter for stray, abandoned, and surrendered dogs

Facilitate adoption services for these dogs

02

## Minimum Holding Period

Hold dogs for a minimum of 6 days before adoption if the owner is unknown

03

## Animal Bite Response

Respond to reports of animal bites

Investigate incidents of animal bites

04

## Microchipping Requirement

Ensure dogs adopted are microchipped as per AB 2723

05

## Law Enforcement and Spay/Neuter Programs

Enforce laws, codes, and regulations related to animals

Implement spay/neuter programs to control animal population

# Evolution of Animal Control Services in Lindsay

01

## Partnership Dynamics

Lindsay Kennel was previously owned and operated by the City of Lindsay.

In 2009, a partnership was formed with the City of Porterville to operate the Lindsay Kennel for \$1.

Ownership transferred to Porterville in 2013.

02

## Contract Termination with Porterville

Contract terminated in February 2024.

Services ending on September 1st, 2024.

Impacting the housing of 125 live dogs.

03

## State Requirements for Animal Control Services

Sheltering and adoption services.

Responding to animal bites.

Microchipping dogs.

Enforcing animal-related laws.

Promoting spay/neuter programs.

04

## Exploring Outsourcing Options

Limited options in the area.

Unsuccessful attempts with Tulare County due to overcapacity.

Escalating costs with Visalia Animal Care Center.

05

## In-House Solution Proposal

City staff recommend an in-house solution.

Utilizing an existing structure at the City Yard.

Kennels for short and moderate-term dog storage.

Aiming for significant cost savings compared to external contracts.

# City Yard Transformation: Setting Up Kennels for Dogs

01

## Utilizing Existing Structure

Location: City Yard, 356 N. Mt. Vernon

Repurposing current facilities for kennel setup

02

## Purchase of Kennels

Short-term and moderate-term storage solutions

Variety of kennel sizes to accommodate different needs

03

## Indoor and Outdoor Pens

Mixture of indoor and outdoor pens

Shade and large fans for cooling in outdoor areas

04

## Cost Efficiency

Initial setup costs

Significant savings compared to contracting with another facility

# Strategies for Community Engagement and Social Media Outreach

01

## Volunteer and Educational Programs

Implement volunteer programs through social media

Increase community involvement through educational content

02

## Promote Responsible Dog Ownership

Utilize social media platforms

Educate citizens on animal welfare

03

## Collaborate with Local Animal Service Groups

Find suitable homes for animals

Engage the community in adoption efforts

04

## Increase Outreach Efforts

Raise awareness about in-house animal control services

Encourage public support through social media

05

## Establish Partnerships

Partner with community influencers

Amplify messaging on animal welfare and adoption initiatives

# Overcoming Challenges: Funding, Staffing, and Training for In-House Solution

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## Securing Additional Funding Sources

Through grants

Cost-saving measures

To maintain transparency and support

## Seeking Partnerships with Animal Service Groups

To enhance animal welfare initiatives

## Implementing an In-House Training Program

Focus on establishing standard operating procedures

## Addressing Staffing Needs

Utilizing existing personnel

Potentially expanding the team

## Ensuring Clear Communication

With the public

With stakeholders

Any questions?

