

Department of Animal Care and Control

MISSION

Advancing the well-being of animals and people in the County of Los Angeles.

MANDATORY & MAJOR DUTIES

- Animal Care Center
- Animal welfare enforcement
- Public health and safety
- Responsible pet ownership
- Veterinary and lifesaving care
- Adoptions and reunifications



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CURRENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 2025-2026
Final Adopted Budget
(\$ Millions)

Total Appropriation

(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)

\$65.6



Salaries & Employee Benefits (381 positions)

52.1 (79%)



Services & Supplies

12.5 (19%)



Other (Cap Assets/Equip, Other Charges)

1.0 (2%)

Sources of Funding

(How We Pay For All of This)

\$65.6



Federal Assistance

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State Assistance

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Fees/Charges for Services*

19.3 (29%)



Other Resources**

0.9 (2%)



Net County Cost

remaining balance, covered by locally generated revenues

45.4 (69%)

* Some State and Federally funded services are reflected as "Fees/Charges for Services" through reimbursement mechanisms (e.g., Medi-Cal billing)

** "Other Resources" includes miscellaneous revenues not otherwise classified, including fines, settlements, interest earnings, and interdepartmental billing



BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

What These Investments Deliver For Residents

General Program Category	% of Dept Budget
Animal Housing	28%
Field Services (Includes Call Center)	24%
Medical Services (Shelter and Clinic)	15%
Revenue Services/Special Enforcement (DDIU, MCU, S/N)	13%
Administration	20%

Program categories shown here are presentation-level groupings created to consolidate information from the new LA County Enterprise System (LACES) for this briefing. Note that as part of the County’s initial rollout of data-driven budgeting through LACES, categories and outcome measures will continue to evolve based on practical use and data insights as departments operationalize the system in FY 2026–27.

DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES, METRICS & OUTCOMES

Priorities	Metrics & Outcomes
Rising Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cats: 9,619 → 10,443 (+9%) Dogs: 20,614 → 22,488 (+9%) 
Reduced Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">443 FTEs (FY 19-20) → 381 FTEs (FY 25–26) (-14%)
Community Assistance and Diversion Programs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3,246 pets served at Vet@thePark clinics1,076 Care Vouchers issued127 offsite adoption events
Facility & Cost Pressures:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aging facilitiesIncreased ISD repair needs;Higher service, supply, and interdepartmental costs

BUDGET REQUEST (FY2026-2027)

Total New Appropriation Request*	\$6.1M
Additional positions requested	0.0
Additional NCC requested**	\$0.0M

Key Budget Requests	Amount (\$Millions)	One-Time/ Ongoing?	Positions
Higher Operating Costs (Food, Medicine, and Repairs)	\$5.0	Ongoing	0.0
As-Needed Veterinarian/Expand Spay and Neuter	\$0.7	Ongoing	0.0
Rodent Abatement Program	\$0.3	Ongoing	0.0
Information Technology Projects	\$0.1	One-Time	0.0

* Priority budget and unmet needs requests

** All request will be fund via Revenue Offset

CHALLENGES & MITIGATION STRATEGIES

- Staffing & Increase Cost Constraints
- Partnerships & Support Request
- Proactive Community Solutions