



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 29
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month service agreement with EMANCIPET, INC., Austin, TX, to spay and neuter pets for low-income residents of Austin in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$150,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Proposed Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: for Health and Human Services; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Public Health and Safety.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No goals were established due to Public Health and Safety exemption.

This service agreement will provide free spaying/neutering for dogs and cats of qualified pet owners in East Austin. Approximately 2,000 sterilization procedures will be performed annually at neighborhood centers, churches, and libraries to help reduce the number of unwanted pets. In addition to spaying/neutering services, this agreement will provide rabies vaccinations and City of Austin pet registrations. Other vaccinations and tests will be available to the pet owner for a nominal fee.

Town Lake Animal Center staff will schedule weekly services at neighborhood centers, churches, and other gathering places in the targeted neighborhood and advertise the event. Pet owners will drop off their animal in the morning and pick up their dog or cat after recovery from surgery later the same day. The Emancipet van is equipped to perform spay/neuter services for up to 40 animals per day.

The rates for this agreement represent a 20 percent increase over the current agreement, however, the proposed rates include pain medication to be administered post-operatively to the pets following the spay/neuter procedure.

Emancipet is the only mobile veterinary service that provides high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter services in the Austin area.

The contract term begins October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.