



## MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*Roy Wasden, Chief of Police*

On April 11, 2008 the Modesto Police Department requested information regarding animal control partnerships. We were specifically interested in the various arrangements local police departments have, and if there were unique public/private partnerships involving animal control shelters. Between the email responses and personal contacts, we researched 24 departments. We discovered very few departments, three (3), owned and operated their own facility. It is unknown whether this would hold true for the majority of departments, or if it is due to the wording of the research request. In the request, we said we were specifically interested in partnerships.

Of the 24 departments we researched, seven (7) had some sort of partnership with their County, and five (5) had either a JPA, or a contract with one or more surrounding cities. Nine (9) agencies have a partnership with either a private shelter or the local Humane Society/SCPA.

We contacted the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) at their headquarters in New York (212-876-7700). They advised that although they do not partnership in the building of public shelters, they do assist non-profit agencies. They will assist a public agency in the operation of a shelter. They currently have a program called "Mission Orange." This program has various components, but is targeted toward specified communities each year. They provide lots of resources to assist communities in achieving higher save rates and becoming a "model humane community." In addition to providing such resources, the ASPCA will invest up to \$200,000 in each of the target communities towards capacity-building and related animal welfare efforts.

We contacted the West Coast Regional Office of the Humane Society of the United States (916-344-1710). They advised they do not partner with local agencies in the building of animal shelters but they will assist 501(c) groups in starting a shelter. They will also assist in the operation of animal shelters. Our research proved there are several such partnerships in existence.

Many of the agencies provided us with a copy of their agreements. Most agreements address field services, sheltering services, dead animals, drop offs, and strays. These agreements vary, depending on the number of partners, size of the agency, and degree of problem.

The cities who own/operate their own shelter were generally satisfied with the arrangement, however they did caution us to fully examine all of the hidden costs associated with a shelter prior to making the decision to build and operate. Most of the larger agencies found it more beneficial to form a partnership with neighboring cities, the county, or the local SPCA/Humane Society.

Please see the attached table for specific responses to the request for information.

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Auburn PD	Contracts with County	Auburn PD has a shelter contract with Placer County for services	Chief Valerie Harris	<a href="mailto:vharris@auburn.ca.gov">vharris@auburn.ca.gov</a>
Azusa PD	Members of the San Gabriel Valley Animal Joint Powers Authority which include; Temple City, Monterey Park, and San Gabriel.	Very happy with arrangement.	Gina Footdale	<a href="mailto:gfootdale@ci.azusa.ca.us">gfootdale@ci.azusa.ca.us</a>
Bakersfield PD	Contracts with Kern County – City Owns Facility, County Operates	County gets adoption & redemption fees from city animals. Licensing agreement in place. Each gets their own (10% of the other if they are the ones to license it)	Chief Gary Moore	<a href="mailto:grmoore@bakersfieldpd.us">grmoore@bakersfieldpd.us</a>
Costa Mesa PD	Private Shelter Partnership			
Ferndale PD	Contracts with non-profit (Miranda's Rescue)	<p>The Ferndale Police Department has an agreement with a private non-profit animal shelter in neighboring Fortuna.</p> <p>Essentially, if we pick up a dog or have a dog dropped off at our police station, we keep it for a few hours to see if the owner picks it up. If not, the officers deliver it to the non-profit. They take the receipt to the non-profit and are able to retrieve their dog. The non-profit charges the individuals a kennel fee for the number of days the dog is in the lock-up. The city pays the non-profit annually for this service.</p>	Chief Karl Poppelreiter	<a href="mailto:policechief@ci.ferndale.ca.us">policechief@ci.ferndale.ca.us</a>
Fremont PD	Partnership with Newark, Union City, and San Leandro for shelter services only.  Tri-City Animal Shelter	Each city has their own Animal Services Officers that handle field services and licensing issues. The outside agencies simply use our facility to house any strays or dead animals that need to be deposited/destroyed.	John Dauzat, Administrator Animal Services Unit/Tri-City Animal Shelter	<a href="mailto:jdauzat@ci.fremont.ca.us">jdauzat@ci.fremont.ca.us</a>

		Each outside agency pays an up front annual fee which is set/determined at contract signing. Then, based on what they bring into the shelter, are charged an additional "usage" fee per month. This covers board and care for those animals they bring in.		
Fresno	City/County/SPCA Partnership	Central California SPCA shelter in Fresno. This shelter provides City and County with with field and shelter services.  Central California SPCA is a full service animal compound including pet store, obedience area, vet hospital, groomers, etc.	Norm Minson, Director  Steve Goode	(559) 237-0134
Glendale PD	Partnership with Pasadena Humane Society for all animal control issues.	They have a long term multi year contract. They have been very happy with their work and response.	Lt. Stephen Davey	<a href="mailto:SDavey@ci.glendale.ca.us">SDavey@ci.glendale.ca.us</a>
Lakeport PD	Currently negotiating contract with local SPCA		Chief Kevin Burke	<a href="mailto:kburke@lakeportpolice.org">kburke@lakeportpolice.org</a>  **
Marysville PD	Contracts with Yuba County – Had a private partnership with SPCA	Independent contractor relationship. Pay by the animal.  Does not recommend City go at it alone. Lots of hidden costs.  Sutter and Yuba County are in the middle of negotiating a JPA for animal control.  Had a prior contract with SPCA. Liked the agreement and the partnership, but distance made it difficult, thus the partnership with County.	Captain Mike Wilson	<a href="mailto:MWilson@marysvillepd.org">MWilson@marysvillepd.org</a>
Milpitas PD	Contracts with San Jose PD	Contracts for Shelter, Field Services, and Dead Animals	Lt. Armando Corpuz	<a href="mailto:acorpuz@ci.milpitas.ca.gov">acorpuz@ci.milpitas.ca.gov</a>
Monterey Park PD	JPA with Humane Society and 3 other Cities	Humane Society handles all sheltering. Some Cities have their own field services, some contract	Capt. Jim Smith	<a href="mailto:JSmith@MontereyPark.ca.gov">JSmith@MontereyPark.ca.gov</a>

		with Humane Society		
Newport Beach PD	Contract with private veterinarian for shelter and other services	Very satisfied. There is a county shelter but NBPD elected to contract with the private vet.	Karen Weigand, Supervisor	<a href="mailto:KWeigand@nbpd.org">KWeigand@nbpd.org</a>
Oakdale PD	City owned and operated		Chief Marty West	<a href="mailto:MWest@ci.oakdale.ca.us">MWest@ci.oakdale.ca.us</a>
Redding PD	Contracts with local Humane Society		Capt. Ben Reed	<a href="mailto:breed@reddingpolice.org">breed@reddingpolice.org</a>
Ripon PD	City owned and operated	New shelter built in 2004 and funded by city. Operated mostly by part-time employees and volunteers.	Lydia Castellanos	(209) 599-2102
Seal Beach PD	Contracts with Long Beach Animal Control	<p>The City of Seal Beach contracts the animal control services to the Long Beach Animal Control. The contract ID each parties responsibilities and cost sharing, liability, etc.</p> <p>The PD is the liaison with LBAC. Also, the city has a contract with the SB Animal Care Center to house found pets. They are a non-kill shelter.</p> <p>The contract with the Care Center ID's liability, cost, responsibilities, etc. Seal Beach issues it own dog licenses through the Care Center or the LB AC officer. LB does the billing and collection for these permits, holds hearing for problem pets, etc.</p>	Doug Shur Support Services Manager	<a href="mailto:DShur@ci.seal-beach.ca.us">DShur@ci.seal-beach.ca.us</a>
Selma PD			Thomas Whiteside	**
South Pasadena PD	Contracts with Pasadena Humane Society	Humane Society has the authority to enforce/canvass, etc. Humane Society keeps 50% of licensing revenue, in addition, the City pays Humane Society an annual amount for services.	Chief Daniel Watson	<a href="mailto:DWatson@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us">DWatson@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us</a>
Stockton PD	Joint City/County Agreement	City provides shelter and staff , each have their own	Allen Perry	

		<p>field services. County pays city for shelter services.</p> <p>Works closely with local Humane Society for adoptions.</p>		
Turlock PD	Own/Operate Their Own Shelter	Pleased with arrangement	Capt. Rob Jackson	<a href="mailto:rjackson@turlock.ca.us">rjackson@turlock.ca.us</a>
Truckee PD	Partnership with Humane Society	<p>After the required holding period, the animals are transferred to the Humane Society and the Town continues to house them in our facility until they are adopted. The Humane Society pays for all veterinarian care including spay/neuter. They also do all the marketing and staff work related to the adoptions.</p> <p>Very Happy with partnership.</p>	Dan Olsen – Animal Services Manager	<a href="mailto:dolsen@townoftruckee.com">dolsen@townoftruckee.com</a>
West Sacramento PD	Contracts with Yolo County		Chief Dan Drummond	<a href="mailto:dandr@cityofwestsacramento.org">dandr@cityofwestsacramento.org</a>
Woodland PD	Contracts with County		Chief Carey Sullivan	<a href="mailto:Carey.Sullivan@cityofwoodland.org">Carey.Sullivan@cityofwoodland.org</a> **