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**Request For Proposals (RFP) to Operate One or More of the
Department of Animal Services' Spay/Neuter Clinics**

Questions and Answers

(No. 2)

1. Is it possible to have the washer and dryer hookups installed in the clinic?

Answer: The City does not have the budget to install washer and dryer hookups. Any such installation would be at the clinic operator's cost. Therefore, you may consider the installation of washer/dryer hookups as a proposed Capital Improvement in your proposal. If so, please include as much detail (e.g. estimated cost, amount of time needed for the installation, etc.) as possible.

2. Does the shelter have some way we can wash drapes, wraps, gowns and towels?

Answer: Each care center may have different resources and capabilities; subject to availability, the contractor may be able to use the care centers' washing machines.

3. I know there was a mention of the wellness clinics every so often, is that something that will take place on an entirely different day of regular operation, or is it a day that is dedicated just for wellness in lieu of a surgery day?

Answer: Section VII.F of the sample agreement attached to the RFP states that "The Department may occasionally request Contractor to conduct Wellness Clinics (vaccine clinics). Such services may only be provided if mutually agreed upon by Contractor and the Department." You should plan to provide surgeries every day that the clinic is open, since members of the public can adopt animals any day of the week except Mondays. Therefore, if a Wellness Clinic might interfere with your surgery schedule, you may consider conducting a Wellness Clinic on a Tuesday (if at all) to avoid impacting your ability to sterilize adopted animals. Another option you may discuss in your proposal would be whether you can have sufficient staffing capacity to handle Wellness services concurrently with spay/neuter of adopted animals, perhaps in place of or in concert with spay/neuter of the public's animals.