



EMPOWERING MARION FOR SUCCESS II

Animal Services

FY 23/24 – 1st Quarter Accomplishments (October - December):

Public Safety

1. Increase Animal Services' Ability to Provide Services
 - a. Ensure Adequate Staffing Levels
 - i. New Volunteer Coordinator position filled, candidate onboarded in October and is diligently working on (re-)building the Volunteer Program, recruiting new Volunteers, and implementing consistent training classes.
2. Increase Animal Services' Ability to Provide Services
 - a. Ensure Adequate Staffing Levels
 - i. One (1) onboarded Animal Control Officer filled existing position vacancy in November.
 - ii. One (1) onboarded Animal Care Technician filled existing position vacancy in December.
3. Increase Animal Services' Ability to Provide Services
 - a. Rehabilitate the Animal Shelter – (*Updated to Planning a New Animal Shelter)
 - i. October 17th BCC Meeting voted to remove the 137-acre farm donation from consideration as a site for the new MCAS Animal Shelter. Original donor offered alternate 20 acres of land located North of the Ocala International Airport, with prime frontage on State Road 40.
 - ii. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved during the December 19th BCC meeting, transferring lead investigation status for livestock- and poultry-related complaints and violations from Marion County Animal Services (MCAS) to Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). Additional MOU, during the same meeting, names MCSO responsible for housing, rehabilitation, and maintenance of the animals on the original 137-acre farm donation property.

FY 23/24 – 2nd Quarter Goals (January - March):

Public Safety

1. Increase Animal Services' Ability to Provide Services
 - a. Ensure Adequate Staffing Levels
 - i. Interviews for new Animal Compliance Investigator position are in progress.
 - ii. Interviews in progress for exiting vacant positions: two (2) Animal Care Technicians, one (1) Animal Service Representative, and one (1) Animal Control Officer.
2. Increase Animal Services' Ability to Provide Services
 - a. Ensure Adequate Staffing Levels

