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# Josephine County Animal Shelter & Control Levy

Election Day: May 19th, 2026

## Program Information:

Animal Control and Shelter services are mandated by the County Charter

### Animal Control

- Addresses dangerous dogs, dogs vs livestock, and animal bites
  - Communicable disease control
- Investigates cruelty/neglect against animals
- Handles nuisance and roaming animals

### Animal Shelter

- Provides shelter, husbandry, and veterinary care of all impounded animals
- Helps reunite lost pets with owners
- Runs adoption program to place animals into new homes
  - All adopted pets are fixed and vaccinated before re-entering our community

*Together: work to promote responsible pet ownership and animal welfare in Josephine County*

## Levy Information:

- 16 cents per \$1,000 Assessed Property Value
- Cost for average homeowner is ~\$3.19 per month or ~\$38.39 per year
- Existing levy of 11 cents expires in June 2027
  - This levy will replace existing levy, not add on to it

## Why the Increase?

- Increased costs:
  - Veterinary costs have risen over 75% since 2020

-Staffing, supplies, fuel, food, vaccines, medications have all increased

-Increased services:

-91% increase in Animal Control calls since 2020

-39% increase in mandated dog intakes since 2020

-165% increase in puppy intakes in **1 year**

## Euthanasia vs Save Rate:

