

**FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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DEPARTMENT(S): Animal Services Department

CBQ NO.: 051

REQUESTED BY: Kelly

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REQUEST: Is the Animal Behaviorist for animal services, approved last year by the Council, allocated in this year's Proposed Budget? If not, why?

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**RESPONSE:**

The Animal Behaviorist was not in the FY 2023-24 proposed operating budget for Animal Services. In lieu of the position, there is instead one-time funding of \$100,000 in the FY 2023-24 Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund to contract a Certified Animal Behaviorist. The position will evaluate dogs with behavioral challenges, and work with animals to help manage, modify, and prevent problem behavior. Staff will use this year to pilot the position and determine next steps for future years.