

## **Needle Exchange and Animal Services Programs**

Staff researched needle exchange and animal services programs available within Santa Clara County. Table 1 provides information on the primary needle exchange program serving the county, the Santa Clara County Harm Reduction Program, and Table 2 provides information on animal services programs serving the county area, including shelter and adoption, foster care, spay/neuter, and community cat programs.

***Table 1 – Needle Exchange Program***

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>County of Santa Clara Harm Reduction Program (formerly Needle Exchange)</b>
<b>Administering Entity</b>	Santa Clara County Public Health Department — Harm Reduction Program (SHHRP) Also referred to as the County of Santa Clara Harm Reduction Program <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://publichealth.santaclaracounty.gov">publichealth.santaclaracounty.gov</a>
<b>Services Offered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free supplies (sterile syringes, sharps containers, etc.)</li><li>• Safe disposal of used syringes</li><li>• Overdose education and naloxone provision</li><li>• Low-barrier linkage to medication-assisted treatment (MAT)</li><li>• Alternatives to injection supplies (for safer modes of use)</li></ul>
<b>Service Modalities / Locations / Hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fixed sites, pop-up sites, and mobile/encampment outreach</li><li>• Locations include Senter Road (San José), under I-280 overpass, Gilroy, etc.</li><li>• Harm reduction vending machine in Lenzen Health Center lobby (Mon–Fri 7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.)</li><li>• Anonymous and confidential (no ID required)</li></ul>
<b>Historical Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Began as a “needle exchange” program; expanded to broader harm reduction focus</li><li>• Operating since 1994, one of California’s longest-running programs</li></ul>
<b>Program Contact</b>	<b>Phone:</b> (408) 792-5529 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:shhrp@phd.sccgov.org">shhrp@phd.sccgov.org</a>
<b>Service Schedule</b>	<b>Mon 2–4 pm:</b> 1888 Senter Rd., San José <b>Tue 1–3 pm:</b> Under I-280 (overpass between S. First and Second St.), San José <b>Tue 5–7 pm and Wed 9 am–5 pm:</b> Harm Reduction Center (976 Lenzen Ave., Ste. 1800, San José) <b>Fri 9:30–11:30 am:</b> Valley Health Center (7475 Camino Arroyo, Gilroy) <b>Fri 2–4 pm:</b> Little Orchard St., San José

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<b>Harm Reduction Vending Machine (Lenzen Health Center)</b>	<p><b>Address:</b> 976 Lenzen Ave., San José, CA 95126 (Main Lobby)</p> <p><b>Hours:</b> Mon–Fri 7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> (408) 792-5529</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:shhrp@phd.sccgov.org">shhrp@phd.sccgov.org</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Provides free harm-reduction supplies; naloxone available without ID in emergencies</p>
<b>Post-Overdose Support Team (POST)</b>	<p><b>Phone:</b> (669) 326-4406</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:post@phd.sccgov.org">post@phd.sccgov.org</a></p> <p><b>Services:</b> Post-overdose support, naloxone/test strips, education, linkage to MAT</p>
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary syringe services provider in Santa Clara County</li> <li>• Check <a href="http://publichealth.santaclaracounty.gov">publichealth.santaclaracounty.gov</a> for current details</li> <li>• Additional overdose prevention resources available via <a href="http://odfree.santaclaracounty.gov">odfree.santaclaracounty.gov</a></li> </ul>

**Table 2 – Animal Services Programs**

Program Name	County of Santa Clara Animal Services
<b>General Services &amp; Role</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides sheltering for domestic and farm animals</li> <li>• Facilitates adoptions</li> <li>• Investigates cruelty and neglect complaints</li> <li>• Reunites lost pets with owners</li> <li>• Oversees animal control in unincorporated areas</li> <li>• Serves unincorporated areas and cities, including Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and Sunnyvale</li> </ul> <p><b>Main Contact:</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 12425 Monterey Road, San Martin, CA 95046</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> (408) 686-3900</p> <p><b>Hours:</b> Mon–Fri 12:00–6:00 pm; Sat–Sun 12:00–5:00 pm</p>
<b>Shelter and Adoption</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Houses animals that are lost, injured, or surrendered (space permitting)</li> <li>• Adoption fees include spay/neuter, microchipping, and vaccinations</li> <li>• Maintains “Lost and Found” listings service</li> <li>• Accepts surrendered pets from unincorporated areas and select cities (Gilroy, Sunnyvale, Morgan Hill), with some intake exceptions</li> </ul>
<b>Foster Care Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers home-based foster options to reduce shelter stress and support animal well-being</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Types of Foster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term foster for adoption-ready animals</li> <li>• Field trips / sleepovers for temporary home experience</li> <li>• Kitten fostering for young kittens needing extra care</li> </ul>
<b>Spay / Neuter and Community Cat (TNR) Programs – County-Run</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) spay/neuter for community/unowned cats in Gilroy, Morgan Hill, San Martin, Sunnyvale, Stanford, and unincorporated areas</li> <li>• Clinic location: 12425 Monterey Rd, San Martin</li> <li>• Drop-off: 7:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays (no appointment; limited space)</li> <li>• Limit: One cat per person/property per day</li> <li>• Only healthy cats accepted; injured/sick cats must go through shelter</li> <li>• Each altered cat is ear-tipped</li> <li>• Eligibility limited to county/unincorporated residents</li> </ul>
<b>Regional and Nonprofit Spay/Neuter Programs</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>San José Animal Care and Services:</b> TNR for cats in San José, Saratoga, Cupertino, Milpitas (2 days/week; post-surgery hold required).</li> <li>• <b>Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV):</b> TNR services, vaccinations, parasite treatment, ear-tipping; mobile clinics for cats and small dogs.</li> <li>• <b>SVACA (Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority):</b> Low-cost spay/neuter clinic with rabies vaccine and microchip; voucher programs for low-income residents.</li> <li>• <b>PAWS for SJACS:</b> Nonprofit offering spay/neuter and vaccine support (voucher program currently suspended).</li> <li>• <b>Town Cats:</b> Provides free spay/neuter for feral cats and low-cost services for pets; partners with local shelters for TNR and rescue.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Contacts and Facilities</b>		
Entity	Address / Service Area	
Santa Clara County Animal Services	12425 Monterey Rd, San Martin (County-wide, unincorporated plus some cities)	
San José Animal Care and Services	2750 Monterey Road, San José (San José, Cupertino, Milpitas)	
SVACA	3370 Thomas Road, Santa Clara	
Humane Society Silicon Valley	3463 McKee Road, San José (plus mobile clinics)	
Town Cats	901 Ames Avenue, Milpitas	

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