



California State Polytechnic University Pomona Spay & Neuter Clinic

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ABSTRACT

Our goal was to create a clinic for pet owners to affordably spay and neuter their pets on the Cal Poly Pomona(CPP) campus. Cal Poly already has a clinic that works in conjunction with AHS 3263, a surgical nursing and skills class. We sought out improvements to the clinics financial aspects and advertisement opportunities, in addition to suggestions for the surgical class so both can perform at their best capacity in order to provide superior services and exceptional student skill building.

INTRODUCTION

- **The Problem:** Cal Poly's on campus spay and neuter clinic could benefit from improvements to their finances and operations. In addition, the AHS 3263 class may benefit from improvements that help students gain better and more rounded surgical skills.
- **The Community:** The general Pomona area and CPP students.
- **Stakeholders:** Animal Health Science(AHS) students, clinic staff, and CPP staff.
- **Project Design:** Interviews were conducted in order to gain knowledge of the clinics operations and areas for improvements, and to receive input from previous and current students.
- **Our Research Question:** "What is the best way to improve or support the spay and neuter clinic and AHS 3263 class at Cal Poly Pomona?"

METHODS AND RESEARCH

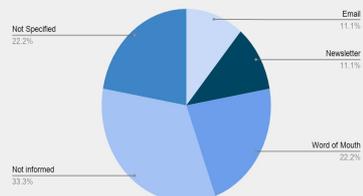
Research was conducted through interviews. Our group collectively interviewed veterinary technicians involved in the clinic, the general public, previous AHS 3263 students, and current AHS students.

- A zoom interview was conducted with two veterinary technicians, Eva Jaeger and Stacey Cordua, who manage the clinic.
- A Google survey was sent during class time and through GroupMe to AHS 1104 students.
- The general public was polled through Instagram.
- Previous AHS 3263 students were interviewed for their input.

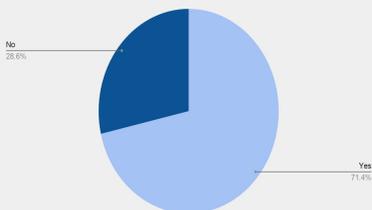
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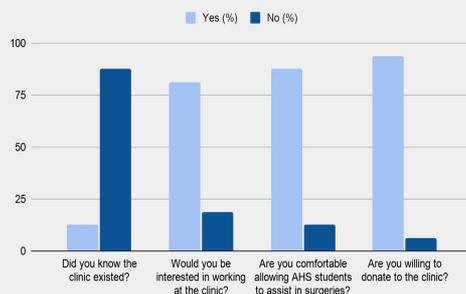
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Public Poll- Would You be Willing to Let a Cal Poly AHS Student Assist in Performing a Spay or Neuter Surgery on Your Pet?



AHS 1104 Student Survey



Interview Results:

- Eva and Stacey indicated that funding is the main area of need for the clinic. Advertisement for the clinic is low, and there are many students who were unaware of the clinics existence. Hiring an administrative assistant would also improve the efficiency of the clinic.
- A lack of diversity regarding skills gained, inefficient group sizes, and repetitive topics in AHS 3263 are issues that were communicated by previous students.

CONCLUSION

A spay and neuter clinic is already in place on Cal Poly's campus. The clinic does not run as a business but rather as part of the surgical class AHS 3263 required in the Animal Health Science major. When surveyed, many students indicated that they would be interested in working at the clinic if it were ran as a business. The clinic could be ran as a business in the future, but it is not the current focus. In order for the clinic to run more efficiently, there is a need for better funding in order to continue and improve operations. The majority of both the public and AHS students surveyed stated that they would be comfortable with allowing students to assist with operations on their pets, meaning that support for student surgical assistance is high. Many Cal Poly students had no knowledge of the clinic's existence. The ones that did know about it were informed through emails, newsletters, or word-of-mouth.

- **Fundraising Ideas:** organize pet treat bake sales, sell surgical kits to students enrolled in the surgical class, and create money donation opportunities for students
- **Operations Ideas:** acquire an administrator as an intern, volunteer, or employee
- **Advertisement Ideas:** create social media pages
- **Donations Ideas:** collect relevant surgical supplies that are no longer needed from local hospitals and organize a towel and blanket drive from the local community

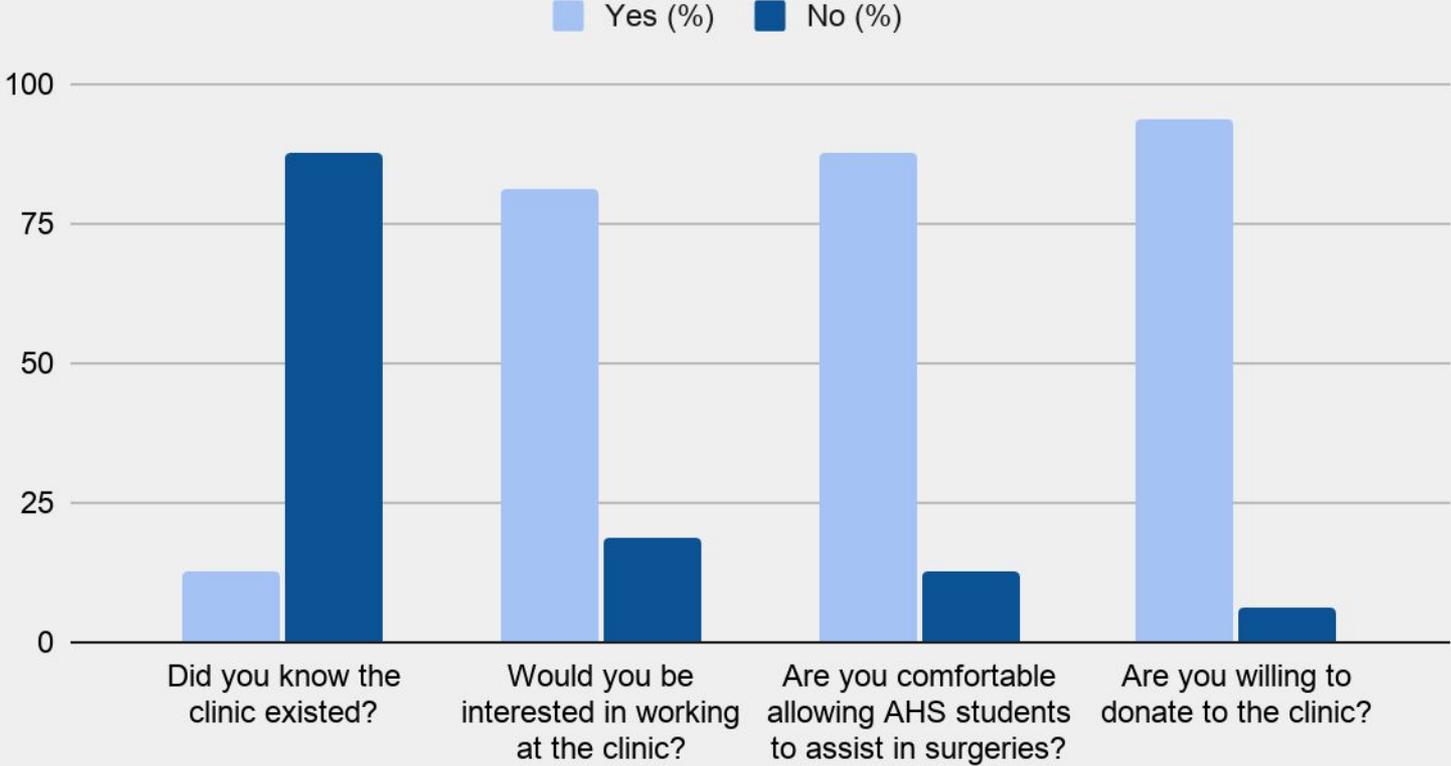
Students who completed AHS 3263 suggested some improvements that would help them obtain more effective occupational skills.

- **In-person Course Ideas:** smaller groups for more hands-on experience, equal focus on multiple topics, less emphasis on repetitive topics

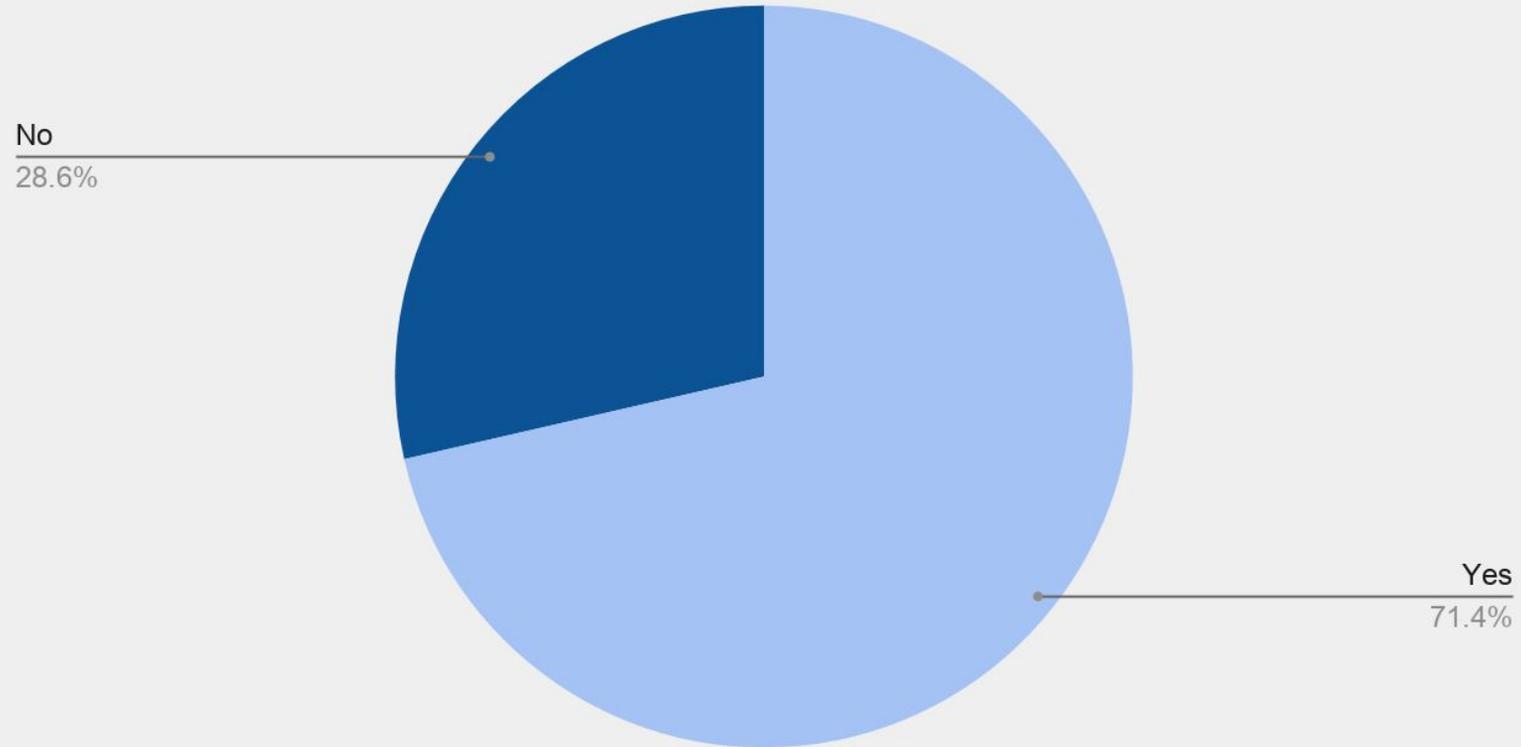
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