

Annual Report FY 2017-2018

County of Monterey, Animal Control Program Advisory Board (ACPAB)

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Animal Control Program Advisory Board

Mailing address: 160 Hitchcock Rd, Salinas, CA 93908

Supervisors Appointees:

District 1	Mike Richards
District 2	Nannette Newbury
District 3	Basil Smith
District 4	Debra Long
District 5	David Alexander, Vice-Chair

Health Director's Appointees:

Education Community	Tom Bailey
Citizen Representative	Leslie McDaniel, MD
Kennel Owner	Mary Arnold, Chair
Veterinary Professional	Frank Kocher, DVM

Ex-Officio Members:

Animal Control Officer	Caroline Kennedy
Sheriff	Stephen Bernal
District Attorney	Dean Flippo
Agricultural Commissioner	Eric Laurizen
Superior Court	Vacant
SPCA	Scott Deluchi

Type of Organization:

- Board
- Subject to Brown Act

Staff Contact

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Department: _____

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STRATEGIC VISION:

- The strategic vision for the ACPAB is to guide the County on animal control issues and ensure that this is done in the most economical fashion for as many entities within the county as makes sense.

GOALS:

Short Term

1. Avoid cutbacks in the budget for the shelter, while maintaining the staffing level at the current minimal amount.
2. Assist the Environmental Health (EH) department in filling the open, and needed, Office Assistant and ACO positions at the shelter
3. Establish a more direct communication with the Board of Supervisors (BoS) so the ACPAB can function more effectively.
4. Present the case against Mandatory Spay / Neuter (MSN) to the BoS, in line with ASPCA policy; work on educating the public on this issue
5. Implement a Volunteer program at the County shelter through a dedicated volunteer coordinator (possibly shared with the City of Salinas).
6. Reinstigate the policy whereby Animal Control Officers (ACO's) enforce both State Laws and County Ordinances, including the issuance of citations.
7. Invite and be allowed to have ACO's participate in ACPAB meetings when appropriate.
8. Ensure the Shelter Manager position is occupied by someone who is qualified in shelter / animal management.
9. Implement a mandatory microchip ordinance
10. Review and make recommendations to update the fee schedule.
11. Recommend and assist in the implementation of a County wide licensing program
12. Review and make recommendations on supplementing the Monterey County Animal Control budget in the areas of collections and citations while
 - ensuring citations do not go to the General Fund
 - expanding programs such as low cost spay / neuter events
13. Encourage responsible pet ownership by creating and adding educational videos to the shelter's Facebook page and / or web site (e.g. on tethering, fencing, house breaking, etc.)

Long Term

1. Make recommendations to increase the budget for the shelter so that staffing can be restored to a level comparable to the level of the 2009/2010 fiscal year. **This is the level that allows the shelter to be run efficiently and provide the level of care that the animals need.**
2. Aid the new Animal Services Operations Manager in implementing a Joint Powers **AUTHORITY** with the City of Salinas; in the interim, support an effort to have the Health Department control Animal Services directly.
 - Note: we define an **Authority** as an independent and separate entity operating within the County.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Refocused the Joint Operation project with the City of Salinas shelter on a Joint Powers **Authority** with Monterey County playing the leading role.
2. Successfully petitioned the Board of Supervisors via the budget augmentation process to increase the budget for the county shelter **to bring it back up to the minimum operational level.**
3. Moved county administration personnel (at the shelter) towards a common reporting format (vis a vis the City of Salinas) for reporting shelter statistics.
4. Failed to have the Environmental Health Department move against State Measure AB485 (the pet resale measure)
5. Lost the opportunity to expand the shelter's coordination with Central Coast College, and to reduce operating costs (by over \$8k / year) by failing to install a gifted X-ray machine.
6. As this report has not been produced on a regular basis, we also want to note our support for a Rooster Ordinance which was successfully drafted and approved by the BOS.

POLICY ISSUES:

- There are no Policy Issues at this time.

FISCAL SUMMARY:

- The ACPAB is not independently financed by the County.