

## **Monterey County Animal Advisory Board**

*Monterey County Animal Services Center*

*Meeting Date May 17, 2006 Time: 3:30 p.m.*

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### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** District 1 Tom Collier  
District 2 Joy Rosales  
District 3 Cookie Johnson  
Member-At-Large Barbara DeGrootd, Chair  
Member-At-Large Tom Bailey  
Member-At-Large Shirely Jorgenson

**Members Absent:** District 4 Darlene Drain  
District 5 Susan O'Brien  
Member-At-Large Vacant

### ***Ex-Officio Representatives Present:***

Barbara Carvalho, SPCA of Monterey County

### ***Staff:***

Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services  
Nancy Ratto, Supervising Animal Control Officer

The meeting of the Monterey County Animal Advisory Board was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2005 were reviewed and approved.

Kathy Prew reported that the Sheriff's office confirmed that herds of bison were being delivered to South Monterey County, but many had broken loose, and property owners were complaining about them running-at-large.

California Dept. of Fish & Game presented a workshop, at the invitation of Dr. Ila Davis, the shelter veterinarian, regarding avian flu at the Animal Services Center.

The shelter has erected a new, larger play yard for the dogs; and is planning an outdoor Cat Play Room, which will be accessed directly off the cat adoption room.

The shelter will be open throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings until 7:00 p.m., as last summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Barbara DeGrootd will provide training advice on Wednesday nights, also.

Proposed changes to Title 8 were reviewed, including adding language similar to new state legislation prohibiting the sale of puppies under 8 weeks of age; mandatory spay/neuter after 3<sup>rd</sup> impound within a year, and tethering restrictions. Senate Bill 1578, which has been proposed at the state level, seeks to restrict tethering or chaining to no more than 3 hours within 24 hours. If the bill passes at the State level, this Board may want to revise its proposed tethering restrictions to mirror the State law. The Board was given information on contacting state legislators in support of SB 1578.

Barbara DeGrootd spoke about the large number of wolf dogs that end up in wolf sanctuary in New Mexico, which she visited recently.

There being no more new business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2006.