

Monterey County Animal Advisory Board
Monterey County Animal Services Center
Meeting Date: January 27, 2010 Time: 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

District 3	Basil Smith
District 4	Darlene Drain
Member-At-Large	Barbara DeGrootd, Chair
Member-At-Large	Beth Winters
Member-At-Large	Tom Bailey
Member-At-Large	Shirely Jorgenson

Members Absent:

District 1	Tom Collier
District 2	Joy Rosales
District 5	Susan O'Brien

Ex-Officio Representatives Present:

Jenny Sherwood, SPCA of Monterey County

Staff:

Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services
Nancy Ratto, Animal Services Supervisor

The minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

Kathy Prew presented the Director's Report. She reported that the Humane Society of the United States Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA) is scheduled to provide another South County Spay/Neuter Clinic on March 17, 18 and 19th. This clinic is being sponsored by FoCAS, Friends of County Animal Services, as well as monies from Maddie's Fund.

HSVMA presented Monterey County Animal Services with a \$5,000 donation to help with costs associated with Spay Day, USA in February. This team has volunteered to provide a free day of surgeries for county residents who are experiencing financial hardship.

Kathy reported that this shelter, as well as other local shelters, are quite full of Chihuahuas, and have been for several months. A local rescue organization had formulated plans to try to fly a group of these dogs to Denver's Dumb Friends Animal League as shelter transfers. However, it was decided that some other areas of the state have shelters that are more overwhelmed with this breed, and they should take priority in the shelter transfers. Gary Tiscornia offered to assist both the county and Salinas shelters by accepting some of the dogs that were targeted for transfer to Denver. Based on his offer, County Animal Services transferred 10-12 Chihuahuas to the SPCA.

Allen Stroh had requested that Kathy incorporate the Title 8 proposed changes into the entire text of Title 8, making reasonable corrections and changes, which Allen reviewed, throughout the document. The remainder of the meeting was spent with the Advisory Board discussing the document and suggesting additional changes to make Title 8 more readable. The group recommended that the Special Permit fee be set at the same fee apply as applies to a Kennel Permit for 1-10 dogs, which is \$100 per year. Other suggestions were made to make for a more readable and thorough ordinance, which will be incorporated in the version sent to County Counsel.

The next meeting will be on the 3rd Wednesday of April. The meeting was adjourned.

