

**Monterey County Animal Advisory Board**

Monterey County Animal Services Center

Meeting Date: October 27, 2010, Time: 3:30 p.m.

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**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

District 5	Susan O'Brien
Member-At-Large	Barbara De Groot
Member-At-Large	Tom Bailey
Member-At-Large	Beth Winters

**Members Absent:**

District 1	Tom Collier
District 3	Basil Smith
District 2	Joy Rosales
District 4	Darlene Drain
Member-At-Large	Shirely Jorgensen

**Ex-Officio Representatives Present:**

Jenny Sherwood, SPCA of Monterey County

**Staff:**

Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services

The minutes of the meeting of April, 2010 were reviewed and approved.

There were no public comments.

Kathy Prew gave the Director's report. She stated that staff had been commenting that they believed we were taking in many more animals than usual. Looking at most of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the fiscal year, July to nearly the end of September, computer records indicate that this shelter has taken in nearly 250 more animals than the same time frame last year in 2009, with 112 more dogs and 139 more cats. This substantial increase is largely attributed to the public's financial inability to care for their pets, pay their pet's medical bills, etc. Spay and neuter surgery appointments for vouchers from the public are scheduled far in advance.

The Food Bank of Monterey County has started donating pet food and cat litter to Friends of County Animal Services, since it is a non-profit, which in turn, donates it to the shelter.

A discussion followed regarding Animal Services' need for an appointment to the position of abatement hearing officer, which must be followed up with John Ramirez, Environmental Health Director, and Ray Bullick, Director of Health.

Regarding Title 8, Kathy stated that she checked on ordinances for Orange County and Los Angeles County to determine if either addressed the concern of selling puppies under 8 weeks of age. Although regulated in the State code, neither of these counties mentions this topic in their local ordinances.

Kathy reported that another van load of Chihuahuas were recently transported by AFRP volunteers to a humane society in Colorado for their adoption program, freeing up much needed kennel space for incoming dogs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for January 19, 2011.