

**Monterey County Animal Advisory Board**

Monterey County Animal Services Center

Meeting Date: January 26, 2011, Time: 3:30 p.m.

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**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

District 1	Tom Collier
District 4	Darlene Drain
Member-At-Large	Barbara De Grootd
Member-At-Large	Tom Bailey

**Members Absent:**

District 3	Basil Smith
District 2	Joy Rosales
District 5	Susan O'Brien
Member-At-Large	Shirely Jorgensen
Member-At-Large	Beth Winter

**Ex-Officio Representatives Present:**

Jenny Sherwood, SPCA of Monterey County

**Staff:**

Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services

The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2010 were reviewed, and changes recommended. Without a quorum, the minutes could not be approved.

There were no public comments.

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

Kathy Prew gave the Director's report. She said that the new Health Director, Ray Bullick, had visited the shelter recently. Kathy reported that the counties in California have been reluctant to raise fees, fearing that a recent proposition limiting taxes to a 2/3 vote approval, might be interpreted to include fees, and potentially generate a lawsuit against the counties. Animal Services has several fees that need adjustment, and hopes that the County of Monterey will proceed with the much needed fee increase for Animal Services.

Kathy said that an adoption event is planned for Chihuahuas, called Chihuahua Pride Day, on Saturday, February 12, 2011. Our shelter will send dogs for adoption, as will the SPCA, AFRP and the City of Salinas Shelter. Barbara De Grootd was scheduled to participate, but instead will be in New York at the Westminster Kennel Dog Show, receiving the Dog Trainer of the Year award, presented by Bowtie, Inc. and Comfort Zone. Congratulations to Barbara!

Discussion followed on the Title 8 proposals being reviewed by County Counsel, and the fact that they have been in the hands of County Counsel for several years, without progress.

There being no Old Business or New Business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.