

**Monterey County Animal Advisory Board**

Monterey County Animal Services Center

Meeting Date: April 20, 2011, Time: 3:30 p.m.

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**MINUTES**

***Members Present:***

District 1	Tom Collier
District 2	Joy Rosales
District 3	Basil Smith
Member-At-Large	Barbara De Grootd
Member-At-Large	Tom Bailey
Member-At-Large	Shirely Jorgensen

***Members Absent:***

District 4	Darlene Drain
District 2	Joy Rosales
District 5	Susan O'Brien
Member-At-Large	Beth Winters

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

Gary Tiscornia, SPCA of Monterey County

***Staff:***

Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services

The minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2011 were reviewed and approved.

There were no public comments.

Kathy Prew reported that there was no feedback from County Counsel on the proposed changes for Title 8. Kathy gave a brief update on the current status of the proposed rooster ordinance, which will allow up to 4 roosters until a permit is required, with 4-H and FFA excluded for the need for the permit process. Local breeders object to the restrictions in the ordinance, but it is scheduled for review again on May 3, 2011.

The intake and disposition statistics for Monterey County Animal Services in the Maddies Fund format, were distributed and explained to the group. The total intake figure for 2010 is 4,337 dogs and cats.

Kathy reported that the new website for Monterey County Animal Services is [www.mtyhd.org](http://www.mtyhd.org) which gets more hits than any other County website.

Kathy referenced a memo sent by Lou Bauman, CAO, concerning the anticipated budget concerns. Kathy stated that there had been no information regarding anticipated staffing reductions for the coming fiscal year, furloughs and other possible remedies for budget reductions. Kathy and the Board discussed how volunteers are successfully used in an animal shelter program.

Kathy distributed a template from the California State Humane Association which is requesting support for two animal related bills to increase the penalty for neglect to be equal to the penalty for abuse of animals, and the second to ban the roadside sale of animals. Gary Tiscornia also requested members support SB1117, which enables animal organizations to

more easily terminate ownership when an animal is seized for abuse or neglect, so that disposition can be made before the case is heard in Court, which can be a lengthy wait.

Fee increases will be heard by the Board of Supervisors within the coming month, such as adoption fees, surgery fees, etc. FoCAS has supplemented the cost of adoptions for three months so that Animal Services can offer dog adoptions for \$100 and cat adoptions for \$50. This offer is good through the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

FoCAS will be sponsoring a lighted leash dog walk on the evening of June 3 in downtown Salinas, selling the lighted leashes as a fundraiser.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2011.