

**Monterey County of Monterey  
Animal Control Program Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 12, 2013-3:30-5:00 PM

**Location:**

Monterey County Animal Services Center  
160 Hitchcock Rd, Salinas CA 93906

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

Minutes approved by the Board for the September 19, 2013 meeting.

A minimum of 5 members are present and a quorum is established.

**Members present:**

Basil Smith, Representing District 3- Supervisor Salinas  
Mark Lasnik, Representing District 4- Supervisor Parker  
Dr. Al Chan, Representing District 5- Supervisor Potter  
Mary Arnold, Appointee of the Director of Health  
Nancy Treffry, Appointee of the Director of Health

**Members Absent:**

Tom Collier, Representing District 1- Supervisor Armenta  
Gina Larson, Representing District 2- Supervisor Calcagno  
Kelly Dobel, Appointee of the Director of Health  
Tom Bailey, Appointee of the Director of Health

**Ex Officio Members Present:**

Gary Tiscornia, SPCA for Monterey County  
Lisa Hoefler, SPCA for Monterey County

**County of Members:**

Kate Davis-Hill, Operations Manager, Animal Services  
John Ramirez, Director, Environmental Health Bureau

**Public Attendees:**

Roxane Fritz, Animal Welfare Information and Assistance, Executive Director  
Melanie Sobel, Operations Manager, Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

**II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative from Santa Cruz Melanie Sobel discussed Santa Cruz spay/neuter ordinance which was enacted on 1994. Ordinance targets the problem population of dogs that keep being impounded. In efforts of promoting spay/neuters, they increased their license fee for unaltered dogs to \$250.00 and \$29.99 for altered dogs per year. They also offer low cost and free spay/neuters to their residents if their dogs are current on rabies, license and microchipped. They are making spay/neuter affordable since they recently received an \$86,000 donation from Pet smart Charities. There are several exempts to this ordinance such as Kennel Breeders. They are altering as many as 20 dogs a day at their clinic.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence reviewed at the meeting.

**IV. REPORTS**

- A. Bylaws approved by the Board of Supervisors-summary: 5 members appointed by Board of Supervisors and 4 members appointed by the Health Director. Total membership of 9 and the quorum for official meeting action is 5 members present. Action items shall be approved by no less than 5 members. Abstentions do not count for or against an item but 5 affirmative votes must be obtained in order to proceed with any action items.
- B. Kate Davis-Hill, Operations Manager reviewed action taken on October 1<sup>st</sup> which cease field pick-ups of healthy /confined cats. While educating and informing the community about the resources available to them regarding the stray cat problem. The night drop was closed in November in conjunction with City of Salinas Animal Services. Intern from CSUM finished her capstone project which contains statistical information regarding euthanasia rates in Monterey County for dogs and cats. Once it has been modified it will be made public with the Intern's permission.
- C. Rooster Ordinance update by John Ramirez
  - John will be having a meeting on January regarding the rooster ordinance. The ordinance includes information regarding the proper way to dispose of dead birds, the number of roosters that are allowed in unincorporated areas of the county. It would also include restrictions on proper care and housing for these animals. Licenses would be issued for a 5 year term; however during that period of time they are subject to inspection by Animal Control Officers accompanied with the Sheriff Department at any time.
  - John asks for the board's support and recommendations before it goes to the Board of Supervisors.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Spay and Neuter Ordinance- Everyone was in favor to use templates of other successful organizations such as Santa Cruz to put the Spay/ Neuter ordinance in place for Monterey County. This includes having the Health Director look into the Spay/ Neuter ordinance.
- B. Title 8 Update- Members identified the top 3 areas to work on by the board.  
Nancy chose the miscellaneous category focusing on abandonment, and Restrictions on giving animals away as prizes at fairs.  
Mary chose to focus on Livestock Restrictions and methods for housing other animals rather than dogs and cats.  
Gary chose Kennel Restrictions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting Schedule- Next schedule meetings will be second Thursday of each month on a quarterly basis. Mark will provide the dates below on the minutes for the next meeting in December:

Thursday March 2014 at 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Thursday June 2014 at 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Thursday September 2014 at 3:30 to 5:00 pm

- B. Meeting venue- Monterey County Animal Shelter  
160 Hitchcock Road, Salinas CA 93906  
Phone: (831) 769-8850-Fax :( 831) 443-9530

- C. Meeting Adjournment at 5 pm