

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

Wednesday April 6, 2016-3:30-5:00 PM

Location:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:31

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

Members present:

Mary Arnold, Appointee of the Director of Health
Tom Collier, Representing District 1- Supervisor Armenta
Tom Bailey, Appointee of the Director of Health
Linda Sanders, Representing District 4 – Supervisor Parker
Basil Smith, Representing District 3- Supervisor Salinas
Nannette Newbury, Representing District 2-Supervisor Phillips
Marcella Zobel, Appointee of the Director of Health
Nancy Treffry, Appointee of the Director of Health

Members Absent:

Dr. Al Chan, Representing District 5- Supervisor Potter

Ex Officio Members Present:

None

County of Monterey Staff:

John Ramirez, Director of Environmental Health
Mike Richards, Interim Manager, Animal Services
Rebecca Ceniceros, County Counsel
Jennifer Lamb, Animal Services

Public Attendees:

None

Introductions:

None

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of the Prior Board Meeting Minute

Minutes were approved for the December 17, 2015 meeting.

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PUBLIC:

No Public Comment was made.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was reviewed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss List of Criteria used to work with Animal Rescue Groups:

Shelter staff has confirmed that there is a list of criteria when working with Animal Rescue Groups for adoption and or transfer of animals.

B. Establish List of Desired Subject for Training Videos.

Nannette Newbury will approach Pluis Davern and Dale Root, two animal care experts from the Monterey Peninsula, about creating 2 minute training videos on dog behavior issues to be made available to the public on line.

A suggestion was made to make videos available at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and Natividad Medical Center on their closed circuit loop television. A suggestion was made to revisit this idea once the videos are completed.

C. Use of Zeuterin

Zeuterin is an injection used for sterilization of male dogs instead of castration. Nancy Treffry will look into the cost of the shot due to the need for financing to obtain the medication should we begin to use it.

D. Discussion on Amending Chapter 8 of the Monterey County Code

Discussion was held on Amending Chapter 8 of the Monterey County Code with regard to Dogs on Chains, Ziplines vs. Thethering animals. Literature is available to give to general public when this is observed and can be given out by Animal Control Officers in the field, and is also available at customer service desk.

E. Mandatory microchipping of Dogs Upon Release From the Shelter

Every animal that is adopted from the shelter is microchipped, and dogs returned to owners can be microchipped upon owners' request for a fee of \$26.00.

V. REPORTS

A. Report from Mike Richards, Animal Services

On April 17th Animal Services will hold a Vaccine Clinic at the Salinas Fair Pavilion. Vaccines will be offered along with neutering of male cats. Microchipping will be offered as well.

No further preparation for El Nino is being done.

FOCAS may be interested in helping fund a generator for the shelter's water pumps.

B. Animal Service Budget Reports

Costs have risen, and Animal Services is looking for ways to save money. Regardless of the decision of the proposed merger between City and County Animal Services, there have been discussions of working with the City to share expenses, (i.e. deceased animal refrigeration).

Animal Services received a generous donation of dog food from Pet Fun, and has \$4,400 credit with them. Animal Care reports that there is enough dog food to last until the end of the fiscal year.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on 501 (c) 3 Research

This is a very complicated process and quite extensive paperwork is needed to establish this status.

FOCAS would like to assist more with items needed for the Shelter.

Monterey County Animal Services has a FACEBOOK page. A suggestion was made to let people know if they register at Smile.Amazon.com, and make a purchase, a portion of that sale comes back to the Shelter.

B. Vehicle Wraps on Animal Control Vehicles

A suggestion was made to put vehicle wraps on the Animal Control trucks, to include a message that donations can be made directly to Shelter, with the phone number, web address, and pictures of adoptable pets. All thought that was a good idea. Mike will pursue the cost and report back.

Dr. Chan is no longer part of the ACPAB. District (6) Supervisor Potter's district now has a vacancy. Advise the Board of anyone interested in filling this vacancy.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

A. Agenda Items for next meeting.

- Making microchipping mandatory before all animals leave shelter.
- Report from Mike Richards with regard to length of zip lines per ordinance.
- Discuss criteria used by Monterey County Animal Services with regard to Approved Animal Rescue Groups.

B. Move to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday June 16, 2016

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