

**Monterey County Animal Advisory Board**  
*Monterey County Animal Services Center*  
*Meeting Date October 19, 2005 Time: 3:30 p.m.*

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**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** District 1 Tom Collier  
District 3 Cookie Johnson  
District 4 Darlene Drain  
District 5 Susan O'Brien  
Member-At-Large Shirely Jorgenson  
Member-At-Large Barbara DeGroot, Chair  
Member-At-Large Tom Bailey

**Members Absent:** District 2 Joy Rosales  
Member-At-Large Vacant

**Ex-Officio Representatives Present:**  
Lisa Hoefler, SPCA of Monterey County

**Staff:** Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services  
Nancy Ratto, Supervising Animal Control Officer

The meeting of the Monterey County Animal Advisory Board was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Two new members were introduced to the Board. Darlene Drain was appointed to represent District 3, and Susan O'Brien was appointed to represent District 5. Darlene works for the Board of Supervisors as Clerk of the Board, currently owns two French Bulldogs and has participated in training through the Del Monte Kennel Club. Susan has a background as a professional dog trainer in the Monterey Peninsula area, volunteered for the SPCA of Monterey County teaching education programs, and currently runs a business with her husband, Central Coast Senior Services, Inc. in Salinas.

The minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2005 were reviewed and approved.

Kathy Prew reported that Dr. Ila Davis has been hired in the permanent part-time veterinary position for the shelter's clinic, and Yolanda Busby has been hired as RVT. Surgeries are being performed for 8 hours on Tuesdays and Fridays, for adoption and reclaimed animals, and animals referred under the County's voucher program. The voucher program has been approved for \$5,000 financial assistance, usually covering 50% of the surgery cost to the customer.

A new digital camera security system is being installed at the facility. Dave Miyahara of Total Controls has donated 16 security cameras, and a computer to monitor the state of the art digital system. His company is also providing the installation. The equipment alone is valued at \$18,000, and is a tremendous donation contribution to the safety and security of Monterey County Animal Services.

Barbara DeGroot reported on her work with homeless animals in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. She helped with some rescues in New Orleans, which was emotionally and physically difficult. The local group of volunteers brought back 8 dogs and 8 cats to California, all of whom are currently in foster care, and can be viewed on the Animal Friends Rescue Project website and on [www.fromtheheart.info](http://www.fromtheheart.info).

The Board reviewed the Santa Clara ordinance prohibiting the sale of cats or dogs under 8 weeks of age, since this is an increasingly severe problem within Monterey County

and throughout Monterey County. This might be used for potential wording should our Advisory Board decide to use it as a model for our Title 8. The group talked about approaching the Shopper about the ads that they run for under age dogs. Once again, we discussed the idea of asking the publications to run an article about “healthy vs. unhealthy puppy sales”. Some newspapers have parameters that they follow for advertising puppies and kittens. The suggestion was to look at Title 8 to see how we might decide to implement a similar provision on sale of under age pets.

Kathy Prew reported that a recent complaint had brought forward consideration of boarding kennel standards under Title 8. It was recommended that the Board look at minimum boarding requirements under Title 8 to see if the group is satisfied with the current requirements as adequate or if the requirements stated need revision. Monterey County Code is currently on the county website and can be accessed at [www.co.monterey.ca.us](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us) .

Canine influenza virus was discussed briefly. One of the defining traits that separate the flu from kennel cough or other virus is the high fever.

Any increases to the Animal Services fee schedule should be made in December. Kathy Prew offered to email the Advisory Board about the calendar for recommending fees to the Board of Supervisors, with the possibility of a special meeting in November to study and suggest fee recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2006.