



**STANISLAUS COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2009**

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Dave Cerutti

Board Members Present

Dave Cerutti, Chair
Marlene Wilson
Virginia Jordan

Nancy Smith, Vice Chairperson
Catalina Elsasser

Augusta Farley
Patricia Hitch

Board Members Absent

Frankie Bonifacio, DVM

Staff

Annette Patton – SCAS
Andy Fiskum – SCAS
Linda Ford – SCAS

Doris Foster – CEO’s Office
Deirdre McGrath – County Counsel
Supervisor DeMartini – County Board of Supervisors

I. Roll Call:

All present except Dr. Bonifacio who was excused.

II. Presentation:

None

III. Public Comment

Karen Mosser – shared information regarding a \$500 grant received by Leanne Pinkerton who used the money to spay pregnant cats at Monte Vista Small Animal Hospital.

Twenty cats were spayed that were pregnant with 100 kittens, most being pregnant with five to six kittens. Karen asked to put the Neuter Scooter on the agenda to get it out into the community for spay/neuters as soon as the new facility is built.

Pamela Mathers – Feels all animal groups are starting to work together toward the common goal of Pet Overpopulation Control and less euthanasia. Pamela would like to see additional discussion regarding the use of the Neuter Scooter out in the community.

IV. Consent Calendar

Action – Approval of Minutes for August 2009 meeting: After some discussion it was determined that a name and the issue is all that is needed for discussion items.

Augusta Farley made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes as typed. Patricia Hitch seconded, all in favor except Nancy Smith who abstains. Motion Passes

V. Discussion/Action Calendar

- A. Off Site Adoptions** – Andy Fiskum supports off site adoptions and has a number of dates for future events. Annette Patton advises cash can only be taken by a paid staff member. Accounting/cash handling procedures will be followed. There will be no volunteers allowed to drive Field Officer Vehicles. Annette will check into volunteers driving their own cars. Andy and one uniformed officer will be taking one dog and one cat to the 9-22-09 Board of Supervisor Meeting.
- B. Ad Hoc Appointments** – Animal Advisory Board members either volunteered or were assigned goals. (Please see the attached table with members assigned.) Nancy Smith reminds all members that six of these goals are due to be completed by December 2009, with action items needed by 9-21-09 to get on the Agenda for the October 2nd meeting. Catalina Elsasser makes a motion to accept appointments, Nancy Smith seconds, motion passes unanimously.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Update on the New Shelter** – Annette says the CEO's Office, staff, architects are all working on the details. Bid approval goes in front of the Board of Supervisors in November 2009. Once approved, ground breaking can take place. It will take at least a year before the building is complete.
- B. Update on Humane Pet Education Projects** – Andy says the program has come together. There will be one or more educational opportunities in September. The program includes books, videos, activities and a Poster "Keep your promises to your pets" all of which is age appropriate. Program includes curriculum for K-2nd grades, 3rd through 6th grades, 6th through 8th grades and 9th through 12th grades. Everything is in a box so you can just pick it up and go. Andy welcomes volunteers to facilitate and is willing to go along the first couple of times. Dave Cerutti mentions it may not be a bad idea to put a booth up at the Furball Soiree.
- C. Update on October Rescue Seminar** – Augusta Farley says a lunch meeting is being held September 25th for those on the committee. The next Retreat date will be January 28, 2010, but has yet to be confirmed.

VII. Information Only -News and Updates –

- A.** Annette Patton mentions that the statistics and goals will be addressed quarterly which fits the Animal Advisory Boards criteria. Animal Services is currently canvassing the South Modesto Area. In two months we will do something to get the Neuter Scooter out again, currently it is our only sterile environment for spay/neuter surgeries. In addition, due to water lines and such we must use extreme caution in moving the Neuter Scooter. The use of the Neuter Scooter can go on the November agenda.

VIII. Board Members Forum

- A.** Nancy Smith mentions that Poodle Rescue sent an e-mail and shares that they enjoy Andy Fiskum and Mavis Williamson at Animal Services.

- B.** Marlene Wilson talks about her visit to Merced Animal Control designed by George Meyers. She appreciates the topiaries, piped in music, air flow restrictions, hose wheels, state of the art cleaning systems (once washed, squeegee dry). Pregnant, nursing mothers and kittens all given canned food, push button industrial washers and dryers where they only do full loads, and the Epoxy flooring which keeps disease down.. Marlene adds that during the months of July, August and September cats are sold at \$15 which includes spay or neuter, microchip, vaccination and adoption charges. The Part time veterinarian in Merced works a 3 day week and spayed or neutered 153 cats last week.

- C.** Andy Fiskum says he will be putting up posters in busses again this year as it is free advertisement. One such poster to read “Certified Pre-owned cats - \$45 down, zero interest, zero payments.”

- D.** The following is coming up in the near future – October is Adopt a Shelter Dog month. Second Chance Week is also in October. November is Adopt a Senior Dog Month. Everyone is reminded to give a two month lead time if the Animal Advisory Board wants to get something on an Agenda regarding these types of events, or if Animal Services is already going to do something, they can share that information with the Animal Advisory Board. Andy Fiskum says that beginning 9-24-09 HSUS will premier their Adopt a Shelter Pet on TV, watch for these ads.

IX. Adjournment

Virginia Jordan makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy Smith seconds – meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.