

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 2, 2015

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Dominic Farinha

Roll Call:

Dominic Farinha, Patterson
Lyndi Love-Haning, Ceres

Kavishti Kokaram, DVM

Absent:

Dave Cerutti, Modesto

Unfilled Positions:

Representative from Hughson
Representative from Stanislaus County

Representative from Waterford

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Jim DeMartini, Supervisor

Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.

Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment – None
2. Approved the Minutes of the February 5, 2015 Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting. (Love-Haning/Farinha - 3/0)
3. Ad-Hoc committee update on the Educational Program - Lyndi presented a power point presentation for use in the pilot program at Walter White School. The program includes an education team, is geared for 4th to 6th grades and will be ½ hour long. Walter White feedback will allow us to cater the program for additional site visits in areas with high intake numbers.
4. Discussed the Use of Social Media as Community Outreach - Supervisors are placing notifications on Animal Service's Facebook page. Animal Services will showcase a couple of animals a day. Currently, three administrators access the Animal Service's Facebook page. The access code will be provided, for an approved volunteer, with all postings forwarded to the Executive Director, for approval prior to posting.
5. Discussed Programs to Enhance Animal Services – The Executive Director will schedule a Safer Training for staff with Dr. Kokaram. Dr. Kokaram would like to include rescues, to help educate them on processes and promote understanding.

6. Discussed Stanislaus County Fair Project - Lyndi has secured a spot at the Stanislaus County Fair for four rescues and Animal Services. Each participant will have two days at the booth. Saving Animals of Stanislaus is willing to bring animals from SASA to the fair. A tent with air conditioning will be provided.
7. NOTE: Item 8 discussed at this point.
8. Discussed a Future Veteran's Program – Dr. Kokaram is interested in promoting a couple of Veteran programs. Service dog training, with Pets for Vets and Pets for Patriots, pulling and training the dogs. And, Veterans as volunteers, coordinated through the local VA, VFW and American Legion.

Director's Report – NOTE: Originally number 7. –

- a. Recent Promotions - St. Catricks day was successful with 21 cats adopted at \$17 each on March 17th. March Mania was \$25 off of any adoption. Since this promotion just ended, adoption results will be provided at our May meeting.
 - b. Future Promotions – April – When outside of their fenced yard, your dog must be on a leash and their waste cleaned up. May - Spring Fling will be \$25 off any adoption the first two weeks of May. June - Adopt one cat, get one cat free.
 - c. SCATE – We are looking to restructure the program. Rather than low income and standard vouchers for dogs or cats, a coupon would be offered. The coupon can be taken to any veterinary office, allowing owners to shop around, while giving veterinarians the opportunity to let people know they will honor the coupon. Coupons will be reimbursed to participating veterinarians at \$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats.
 - d. Spay Neuter Programs –Our TNR program began in June 2013, the result is 3530 cats being spayed or neutered through March 2015. There is room for improvement for dogs. Please share all documentation for mandatory spay/neuter for review.
9. Future Agenda Items – Update on Adoption Trailer
Discussion – Mandatory Spay/Neuter for impounded unaltered dogs.
 10. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.

Note: Those unable to attend, call Linda Ford at 209-342-1742