

**ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 7, 2016**

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Heather Goodnight

Roll Call:

Kavishti Kokaram, DVM
Hans C. Picinich, Hughson
Kathryn Burns, Modesto

Ann Taylor, Patterson
Heather Goodnight, Waterford
Renee Rhoy, Ceres

Absent:

Nina Ellison, Stanislaus County

Unfilled Positions:

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Jewel Warr, CEO's Office
Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel

Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.
Jody Hayes, CEO's Office

Dignitaries and Guests:

Jim DeMartini, Stanislaus County Supervisor

Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment – Seven people spoke, sharing stories and offering support for Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.
2. Approved the Minutes of April 7, 2016 - (Kokaram/Rhoy - 6/0)
3. Discuss Breed Descriptions –This item will be kept on the Agenda for the August 4, 2016 meeting.
4. Discussed - Euthanasia Services provided by SASA. The discussion included a tour, and an overview of the euthanasia process, which holds many checks and balances. Euthanasia requires extensive training and certification. SASA does provide owner requested euthanasia for those that are old, sick or injured. SASA strives and continues to increase live release rates.

5. Annette reviewed previous improvements to the program:

License Amnesty – brought in 8,000 more licensed dogs, meaning 8,000 have the potential to make it back home, should they become lost. Vaccination upon intake, those in our temporary care, assists in disease reduction at SASA. Administrative Citations and Cat City are recent additions. SASA has increased their vaccination clinics to Monday through Friday, weekly, and one Saturday a month. SASA's spay/neuter programs include the low income coupon, for anyone in our jurisdiction and the new Chihuahua and Pit Bull program. The Chihuahua and Pit Bull program provides a free s/n surgery for any Chihuahua or Pit Bull residing in one of four highest intake zip codes. (95307, 95351, 95354, 95358) In addition, these dogs will receive a free rabies vaccination and their initial dog license will be free. Adoption photos improved; SASA educational outreach, a new website, Facebook, an open shelter, Trap, Neuter and Release program for decreased cat euthanasia.

Discussed - Proposed Operational Changes to SASA. Annette provided an overview of recent and upcoming operational changes to increase adoptions. The ASPCA evaluation will no longer be used as a determining factor to send dogs to rescue or adoptions.

Some of those changes include the following: increased hours of operation, revised Adoption/Rescue policies and revised kennel cards. SASA could utilize volunteers with off-site adoptions, grooming, photos, and placement of cats for adoption at the new PetCo store opening in Turlock. The Agency Board has a special meeting scheduled August 8, 2016 at 9 a.m. to approve new Operational Changes.

6. Discuss Volunteer and Foster Program - This item will be kept on the Agenda for the August 4, 2016 meeting.
7. Future Agenda Items – Breed Descriptions, Volunteer and Foster Programs.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 4, 2016 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