

STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY

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assistance in getting their member on board, Ms. Patton will be happy to walk them through the process.

Ordinances – Deirdre is working diligently on getting the ordinances ready to discuss next meeting, we are looking for your feedback. There will be three pieces. The Model Ordinances, Administrative Citations, and Mandatory Spay Neuter of Pit Bulls. All three are separate. We will meet again in January to discuss.

Vaccination Clinics have been successful this year, actually exceeding last year's numbers. Formerly, clinics were held in each city once a month. At the new facility we are holding a clinic one Saturday a month and the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. This gets citizens into the new facility, allowing everyone to be processed; we no longer have to turn anyone away. Holding clinics at the facility also reduces packing, travel, overtime and re-work.

Public Records Requests – A marketing company has requested breeds and physical address be sent. After checking with County Counsel, we have provided information twice.

Executive Director Patton, Dr. Stewart, Monica Nino, Raul Mendez and a number of veterinarians met recently over some concerns written in a letter to Animal Services. The meeting was productive and has opened communication between Animal Services and the Veterinary Community. Dr. Stewart attends a monthly meeting and provides an article for their news letter. The concerns addressed initially, came from Riverbank and Modesto veterinarians wondering why they weren't getting as many clients from SCATE Vouchers. Once we shared with them that we do not canvass those areas there was more understanding, so we will keep communication open.

Animal Services is working with SBT to get JPA meeting minutes and agendas posted to the Animal Services website. This should be complete in the next month or two.

Outside we have a new banner advertising the sale of Spay/Neuter Vouchers. The SCATE vouchers are not requested as often as they once were due to a number of factors. More animals are already spayed or neutered, and there are many other options available to our citizens looking for just spay neuter surgery. The Voucher sale is a very good deal if you are looking for everything, which includes a health vaccine, a rabies vaccination, a microchip, the license and the voucher for a free spay or neuter. Vouchers run \$140 unless you're low income then it is \$72 for a dog.

Dr. O'Brien recently put on a Cat Symposium which included U.C. Davis and San Jose speakers. The symposium was very interesting and may help us reduce



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our cat overpopulation. Dr. Stewart and Executive Director Patton may visit San Jose to get the particulars, as they reduced their cat euthanasia by 60% in just over a year. In addition when looking at statistics, we need to remember that all cats euthanized are not without need. Last year a large number of cats were euthanized due to owner release requests, sick or injured upon intake and pre-weaned kittens.

Currently we are working with KAT Country radio on the 12 Strays of Christmas. Typically, all the animals get adopted after being highlighted in this way. We are also talking about DJ sponsorship but will need to know more about the cost. KAT is one of the highest rated programs on the radio today.

We received a donation from a company that would like to subsidize adoptions. Our thought is a half price adoption day and the donations will fill in the balance.

We've had a number of labor challenges lately. We recently were down to 3 or 4 AWP workers a day. We are working with the Sheriff's Office and becoming creative in fixing that issue. In addition, Alliance Worknet has no employees working for Animal Services presently. Our challenge is telephone service. We retain good face to face customer service, but may need to apologize for the wait. Volunteers are welcome, they just need to sign up through Volunteer match and attend a volunteer orientation held on site, twice a month.

Risk Management currently handles our claims. County Counsel is currently working on an MOU; we will share more as we progress.

Frank DeMattos, agency Accountant, went over the budget and where we stand currently.

Tim Ogden asked about the restoration of after hour services. Executive Director Patton says after hour service has been re-established and officers are responding to calls.

Mike Borges says Ceres P.D. would still like training for their volunteers. In addition Mike would like staffing level and average response time for field officers. The information will assist him in answering questions as they arise.

Tim Ogden would like to talk more about Pit Bulls and the ordinances. A meeting has been designated for January 18th at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room. In addition, a meeting will be held February 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room to discuss the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. The Animal Advisory Board was interested in a Five for Felines program, which has been tabled until their next meeting.



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Member Referrals: None

Adjourn Regular Meeting at 10:05 a.m.

ATTESTED: Linda Ford, Clerk
of the Governing Board of the
Joint Powers Agency of the
Stanislaus Animal Services Agency
State of California

(The above is a summary of the minutes of the Governing Board of the Joint Powers Agency. Complete minutes are available from the clerk at Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, 3647 Cornucopia Way in Modesto, CA.)

