

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 7, 2019

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Laurie Daily-Johnston, Chair

Roll Call:

Renee Rhoy, Ceres
Laurie Daily-Johnston, Stanislaus County
Kathryn Burns, Modesto
Kiley Gravatt, Hughson

Absent:

Ann Taylor, Patterson

Unfilled Positions:

Waterford
County Veterinarian

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director Linda Ford, Confidential

Dignitaries and Guests:

Best Friends Animal Society – Liz Finch

Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment – None
2. Approved the Minutes of October 3, 2019 meeting. (Rhoy/Burns - 4/0).
3. Discussed the removal of breed labels on shelter dogs – Laurie Daily-Johnston stated additional research shows no solid answers on this subject. Liz Finch added the same observation. Based on technology and programs used, it appears most will require some sort of breed identification to enable those searching for their lost pets.
4. Updated – Best Friends Animal Society’s Community Cat Program: Liz Finch oversees the shelter programs and provided information on the status of SASA’s program to date, citing statistics that show euthanasia and intake is steadily decreasing while live release and save rates is steadily increasing. The remaining 16 months of this program will be spent on finding ways to reduce euthanasia of pre-ween kittens, increasing volunteers to work TNR, expanding

outreach teams, expanding medical options and the sustainability of the program. The volunteer coordinator is currently going through a volunteer mentorship program which will provide cutting edge options for use by and with the volunteer coordinator, ways to increase volunteerism, looking at and creating volunteer job descriptions and the creation of a volunteer handbook and policies.

5. Executive Director Report – Update of Events and Programs: Annette has embraced the challenge to place something new on the Animal Services website, monthly. This month SASA added lost and found pet resources, including Facebook groups and resources, area shelters like Turlock and Oakdale, Paw Boost, Pet Harbor and Finding Rover. A new addition, that will be marketed very soon, is text “Strays” to 555-888. This program is a “how to” program that comes right through your cell phone. You will receive periodic texts back on best practices in finding your lost pet.

Additional information – The volunteer coordinator has moved into the hall office where she will be able to work closely with volunteers and FETCH participants.

Adoptions will soon be handled in the former Volunteer Center with a new clerk, new furnishings, professional signage and store items, including leashes, pet carriers, T-Shirts, etc.

6. Future Agenda Items: None at present
9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2020 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