

# STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY

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## ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

April 4, 2013

#### Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Annette Patton

#### Roll Call:

Dominic Farinha

#### Absent:

Patricia Hitch

Sarah Gottschalk

Nathan Gorth

Dave Cerutti

#### Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director

Doris Foster, CEO's Office

Francine Gutierrez, Manager

#### Guests in attendance:

Sue Henderson

Augusta Farley

### Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment - None
2. Approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting. (No Quorum- No approval)
3. Staff Presentation: Annette Patton shared an overview of the Dog License Amnesty Program which was successful in the sale of 7145 new dog licenses in January and February. Revenue goes back to the partners. ASA donated 400 microchips for the program, which got us through January and most of February. Out of the 7145 new dog licenses sold 6678 were for altered dogs. There was a positive response from customers and staff.



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4. Staff Presentation: Overview of the Volunteer Program – Francine Gutierrez said the JPA Board approved the use of volunteers with cash handling abilities to manage our offsite adoptions. This will assist the Agency, in adoption opportunities at many street fairs and festivals, even when we don't have staff available. Future offsite adoption opportunities are fast approaching with Ceres Street Fair in May, Hughson Fruit and Nut and other festivals throughout the season. If you have additional suggestions, please feel free to share. Dominic says Apricot Fiesta is coming up in June. Check the Patterson website for Apricot Fiesta. Call 895-8000 for more information. We will be advertising our foster program soon. Fostering is a huge part of our volunteer program, we use fosters for animals that are too young, animals that need medical treatment, etc. Look for posters, flyers and inserts in city billings. The foster program includes an orientation and some overview on how to handle, socialize, treat or care for the animals in their care. Fostering is a very rewarding experience.
  
5. Staff Presentation: Adopt-A-Shelter Cat month in June 2013. Annette shares that SASA is participating for the first time. The JPA Board approved three programs for Adopt-A-Shelter Cat in June 2013. The first program is Seniors for Seniors. Senior cats, 5 years and older will be adopted by a senior citizen (or anyone 50 or over) at no cost. The cat still comes with vaccinations, microchip and will be spayed or neutered. The second program is \$15 for Felines. This will be the adoption program for all cats or kittens in the month of June. This is one reason why fostering is so important now, we want as many kittens as possible ready for adoption in June, pre-weans can be fostered and ready to bring back in late May for spay or neuter surgeries and then made available for adoption in June. The last program is a \$40 SCATE Voucher for cats only. These vouchers will be available for owned cats that need to be spayed or neutered. Advertising will be mid-May and early June. The Stanislaus County Library partners with SASA and brings snuggies in May. Snuggies are cat sized blankets made by members of our community and will be given to each person that adopts a cat in June. Science Diet will donate a small bag of cat food and Sergeant's Flea will donate flea control packets. Another corporation is working on donating something and we are talking with KAT Country radio. Details will be shared at a later date.



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6. Staff Presentation: Trap Neuter Release Program. We have a group of individuals that are very active with feral cats. We meet with this group regularly to discuss what to do with our cat overpopulation issue. Trap Neuter Release Programs are successful in Florida and in San Jose. Annette has been working very closely with the San Jose director on the implementation of their program and how/what they did. We are interested in doing something very similar. We will hopefully be partnering with the Humane Society of Stanislaus County. The Trap Neuter Release Program works like this: A stray cat comes in to the shelter, at intake, if the cat is healthy, friendly and adoptable, he follows the usual path, gets spayed or neutered and goes to the adoption center. If the cat is fractious is healthy, but obviously not adoptable, he gets spayed or neutered right away, is picked up by at 501 (c) 3 Rescue and is released to the area he came from. For identification of surgery, feral cats will have their ears tipped.
7. Update from sub-committees – Dominic Farina says he and Augusta met a few months back and came up with a few ideas for fund raising. ASA needs to acquire some additional members before they can go ahead with any fundraising. It was suggested that possibly the Humane Society can assist in this area, since they too are 501(c) 3.  
  
Future Agenda Items – Annette will provide some topics, Dominic suggests dog safety, or safety from dog attacks. Dominic says fundraising will need to be re-addressed and asks about recruitment for new members. Annette says Linda will notify of membership openings in the newspapers for the City of Patterson and the City of Waterford. The openings will also be placed on our web-site.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

**Next meeting will be held Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 12:30 in the Conference Room of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.**

**Note:** Those unable to attend, please call Linda Ford @ 209-342-1742

