

STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY

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ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES May 2, 2013

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Dave Cerutti

Roll Call:

Dave Cerutti
Sue Henderson

Dominic Farinha
Patricia Hitch

Absent:

Sarah Gottschalk

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Doris Foster, CEO's Office

Francine Gutierrez, Manager

Guests in attendance:

None

Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment - None
2. Approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting. (Henderson/Farinha - 4/0) Approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2013 Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting. (Farinha/Henderson – 4/0)



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3. Staff Report: Upcoming Volunteer Activities – Volunteers will be attending the following: Ceres Street Faire, May 4th and 5th. May 18th they will be at Ceres Walmart Parking Lot Bazarre. The Apricot Festival is May 31st through June 2nd. Waterford Festival September 14th and 15th and the Hughson Festival will be September 21st and 22nd. Volunteers will greet attendees, hand out lots of information and have limited animals for adoption. Dominic mentioned Newman Fall Festival is coming up, but they are not part of our jurisdiction, so we will look into this.
4. Staff Presentation: Overview of the Volunteer Program – Animal Services Agency staff is recruiting new foster parents. Fosters are needed to bring pre-weans up to weight so they can meet requirements for spay or neuter surgery. Currently there are 187 animals in foster care, many are pre-wean kittens. Information will be shared in city utility bills soon. Flyers are being handed out with our canvassing team. Posters are on order for the front lobby and there is a new on-line registration on the SASA web-site for future volunteers.
5. Staff Presentation: Adopt-A-Shelter Cat month in June 2013 and there are three programs.
 1. Seniors for Seniors - Adult cats, five years of age or older, can be adopted by anyone fifty years of age, or older, at no charge.
 2. Any other adoptable cat or kitten will be \$15 in June.
 3. SCATE Vouchers for owned cats will be sold at \$40.

Advertising in city utility billings will begin June 1st. Sergeant's campaign is going to donate flea products. Snuggies blankets, generously made and donated by women in our communities, will be delivered by the Stanislaus County Library later this month. A snuggie will be given to anyone that adopts a cat or kitten. Each cat or kitten will also receive a small bag of food from Hill's Pet Nutrition. KAT County is looking at advertising. Target is interested in helping. Vaccinations, spay or neuter surgery, microchip etc. still comes with the cat or kitten. Dominic says Kohl's also has a give back to the community program, for future reference.



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TNR starts in June. A stray, healthy, friendly adoptable cat, goes through the normal procedures, gets evaluated and spayed or neutered then placed up for adoption. Stray, healthy, feral cats that are obviously not adoptable, will be spayed or neutered, picked up by a 501 (c) 3 and returned to the community it originally came from.

To assist with all of our programs, we are updating processes and becoming more automated.

6. Update from sub-committees: Dave Cerutti says ASA can't get enough people involved. Presently, he and Augusta Farley are the only members. ASA has been invited to join SASA at the upcoming Festivals. Dominic was working with Nathan on fund raising ideas, but Nathan has since resigned. ASA has been a huge contribution to Stanislaus Animal Services Agency and is greatly appreciated.

Annette Patton commented that this is Patricia Hitch's last meeting with the Animal Services Advisory Board since there is no meeting scheduled in June. Annette thanked Patricia for her support and assistance over the last 12 years as an Animal Advisory Board Member and then as an Animal Services Advisory Committee Member. Annette presented Patricia with a Certificate of Appreciation and invited her to re-apply for membership, at any time in the future.

7. Future Agenda Items – Stray injured animals – Citizen takes an injured animal to the nearest veterinary office. The veterinary office refuses to do anything without someone being responsible for payment. The animal is suffering and the citizen is directed to take the animal to Animal Services Agency. The example given turned into a good story which was shared by Patricia Hitch.

Report out on future events.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, July 11, 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

