

**ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 2, 2015**

**Regular Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Lyndi Love-Haning, acting chair

**Roll Call:**

Lyndi Love-Haning, Ceres	Kavishti Kokaram, DVM
Hans C. Picinich, Hughson	Heather Goodnight, Waterford

**Absent:**

Dominic Farinha, Patterson  
Dave Cerutti, Modesto

**Unfilled Positions:**

Representative from Stanislaus County

**Staff in attendance:**

Annette Patton, Executive Director	Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.
Jim DeMartini, Supervisor	Jewel Warr, Chief Executive Office

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Public Comment – None
2. Approved the Minutes of the April 2, 2015 Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting. (Kokaram/Love-Haning - 2/0)
3. Update from Education Committee - Lyndi provided an overview of the education team's site visit to Walter White Elementary School. The visit was very well received. Walter White invited the team back for the upcoming school year. Other elementary schools are interested and inquiring about educational visits. Annette added Lyndi has done an excellent job with our other educational venture - Facebook.
4. Discuss Future Programs to Enhance Animal Services – Note: Taken out of place, this should have been what is discussed under #5. Dominic sent "Barking Dog" information to Annette. The information has been reviewed by supervisors, has excellent language and will be placed on the Animal Services website. Dr. Kokaram provided some information on a program utilizing prisoners/animal trainers and veterans. An Ad-Hoc committee will be formed and will bring programs back to the Advisory Committee. Laurie Daily-Johnston will allow the Ad-Hoc Committee to utilize the Humane Society of Stanislaus County as their meeting place.

5. Discuss Stanislaus County Fair Project – Lyndi provided an overview of the layout, what’s available, set up, location and training. The fair begins July 10<sup>th</sup> with Animal Services represented on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Animals will be housed in an air conditioned Adoption Trailer donated by Friends of Turlock Animal Control.
6. Director’s Report – Executive Director Patton provided the following updates and information.
  - a. Mr. Cerutti resigned from the Committee, via e-mail, as of today. SASA will advertise to fill the vacancy for City of Modesto.
  - b. Update on Animal Services Vaccination clinic’s history, and how they have evolved from once a month to daily. Daily clinics are Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. An additional clinic is held the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The revised clinic schedule seems to better fit the needs of the community.
  - c. The space at 3643 Cornucopia has been leased and will be open July 15<sup>th</sup>. The clinic will provide spay/neuter and health services for pets.
  - d. A sweep in south Modesto last Saturday resulted in a number of dogs impounded and citations issued.
  - e. Canvassing finished up in the county earlier this week and will be in the city of Patterson for the next couple of weeks.
  - f. This is our second year of utilizing Administrative Citations. Citations are auto generated, streamlining our processes. Administrative Citations are treated like fix-it tickets. Those with an Admin Cite have 30 days to comply. There are three levels and with each citation, fees increase. However, the majority are being handled at level one.
  - g. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, a new spay/neuter coupon is being utilized for low income clients. The low income criteria includes a number of assistance programs. The coupon can be taken to any local veterinary office, regardless of jurisdiction. Once the surgery is complete the veterinary office will be reimbursed by Animal Services at \$50 per dog and \$25 per cat; and the cost difference of the surgery is paid by the animal owner.
  - h. Dr. Cadwell and Nebben did an excellent job speaking to Fox 40 News regarding heat and its effects on our pets and how to prevent heat stroke.
  - i. The cock fighting roosters are still here and still have to be held as evidence.

- j. Horses recently confiscated are currently under foster care.
  - k. We are working on the pump station again; we are waiting on estimates and will be looking for a long term solution.
  - l. Recent complaints received, at the level of the Executive Director, had to do with our very busy telephones and Canvassing concerns. Both of which have been handled and both clients satisfied.
  - m. A grant from the State of California has been received and will be utilized for spay or neuter of owned pets in February 2016.
  - n. This year, the TNR program has been revised, keeping in mind the health of the animals and the needs of the community. Kittens will weigh at least four pounds before being spayed or neutered and released.
9. Future Agenda Items - Lyndi will be looking into a date for Animal Rescue Appreciation Day
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2015 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