

**ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 7, 2016**

**Regular Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Heather Goodnight

**Roll Call:**

Kavishti Kokaram, DVM	Ann Taylor, Patterson @ 6:10
Hans C. Picinich, Hughson @ 6:30	Heather Goodnight, Waterford
Kathryn Burns, Modesto	Renee Rhoy, Ceres

**Absent:**

Nina Ellison, Stanislaus County

**Unfilled Positions:**

**Staff in attendance:**

Annette Patton, Executive Director	Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.
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**Dignitaries and Guests:**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Public Comment – Karen Mosser requested SASA be cognizant of erroneous addresses being given by the public dropping off cats for the TNR program. Annette assured Karen, when SASA knows for certain, addresses are erroneous, staff can ask for clarification. Karen also suggested SASA notify Pest Control Companies, picking up trapped cats, the cats *must* come to SASA. Annette assured the Committee that education can be shared, with any particular Pest Control when they do not know to bring trapped cats to SASA.
2. Approved the Minutes of February 4, 2016 - (Kokaram/Burns - 5/0) Note: Vote is short one member because Hans Picinich was not yet in attendance.
3. Presentation – ASPCA Dog Evaluation. The SAFER® Test Worksheet and narration provided by Dorothy Nunes with a demonstration of dog evaluations by Kathy Fielder and Justin Flores with shelter dogs.
4. Discussion: Pets for Vets program – Hans Picinich provided information he recently received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. Two of the programs are dogs becoming companion animals for a veteran, and another is veterans walking dogs in shelters, but there are many more program

options. Hans will bring additional information, for discussion, at the July meeting.

5. Future Agenda Items – Pets for Vets in July 2016, May 2016 – Staff Presentation on Policy and Intake Processes for Dogs and Cats. Heather wants to revamp the SASA volunteer program and wants to add a Volunteer Program Presentation.

Dr. Kokaram suggested Contra Costa County come for a training symposium inviting Rescues, Volunteers, Fosters and Shelter Staff. SASA suggests to include them to the program for the Rescue Meeting being held Monday August 29, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Harvest Hall.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**Next meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2016 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