

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 1, 2018

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scotty Douglass, Executive Director

Roll Call:

Nina Ellison, Stanislaus County
Renee Rhoy, Ceres

Absent:

Kathryn Burns, Modesto
Ann Taylor, Patterson
Kavishti Kokaram, Veterinarian

Unfilled Positions:

Hughson
Waterford

Staff in attendance:

Scotty Douglass, Executive Director Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.
Tina Rocha, CEO's Office

Dignitaries and Guests:

Jim DeMartini, Stanislaus County Supervisor

Meeting Minutes

1. **Public Comment:** None

2. **Approved the Minutes of August 9, 2018 and October 4, 2018 meeting:** No quorum. Minutes will be brought back to the January 3, 2019 meeting for approval. The October 4th meeting minutes will include a revision in section 7.

3. **Update from sub-committee – Pet for Vets:** Held over for January.

4. **Update – Volunteer Coordinator and Educational Resources for Volunteers to utilize or share with the public:** Jennifer Smith has been promoted to Animal Services Operations Supervisor/Volunteer Coordinator. Yesterday she held a Trunk or Treat, a fun evening for those attending. We are looking at ways to measure success for our programs. Some ideas are how many animals showcased, how many of those animals were adopted. How long had they been

here, how soon afterward were they adopted, vs. those not having been showcased?

FETCH program will be up and running soon. There will be ten to twelve female inmates from the REACT Center coming for hands on training of intake, grooming, dog handling, etc. In exchange for this training, these inmates will assist with daily kennel cleaning and feeding of animals. Each rotation of inmates should be ten to twelve weeks. We are hopeful to have this program up and running by January. Measures will start immediately to quantify the effectiveness of the program.

The volunteer coordinator is developing a progressive tiered level of training for volunteers. If we utilize volunteers to supplement staff, we will capture that information. Volunteers can range from lobby greeters, groomers, dog walkers to those that assist with adoptions and/or cleaning. Schedules are being developed for volunteers seeking regular time commitments. Some volunteers will work onetime events, some for a minimum 20 hours and others will be long term.

Both the Volunteer Coordinator and the Rescue Coordinator are very accessible.

5. Update – Stanislaus Pet Resource Center progress; integration and resources needed if any – Held over for January.

6. Directors Report:

a. The next Agency Board meeting is 11-15-18 and we will go over the Strategic Vision. There are too many animals in too little space. We need to be below capacity on a consistent basis, for the good of the animals and the facility. We are working to close the gaps. This last month has been quiet, on the Social Media front.

b. Annette returns on December 17th. Dennis and Scotty will assist in a soft transition and support the programs and the need for an Operations Manager.

c. Kennel cleaning while the Agency is open, a new policy is in place to have cleaning done behind closed/locked doors to assure the safety of our visitors. If a dog must be seen, a kennel assistant will remove the dog to show.

d. Dr. Wallace is back and is using a point system to help her stay within a reasonable surgery schedule. Max is 50 points per day. Priorities will only be adjusted through supervisors or the Operations Manager

7. **Future Agenda Items** - Update: Vet for Pets Program. Stanislaus Pet Resource Center progress, integration and resources needed, if any.

8. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2019 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