# ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES April 4, 2019

# **Regular Session**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Annette Patton, Executive Director

#### Roll Call:

Renee Rhoy, Ceres Kiley Gravatt, Hughson Laurie Daily-Johnston, Stanislaus County

#### Absent:

Kathryn Burns, Modesto Ann Taylor, Patterson

### **Unfilled Positions:**

Waterford County Veterinarian

#### Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director

Linda Ford. Confidential Asst.

## **Dignitaries and Guests:**

### **Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Public Comment Karen Mosser said the City of Atwater has begun a TNR program and has spayed or neutered over 1000 cats. Their next step is to go to the city of Merced. Karen would like Annette to provide her with a letter, outlining how TNR has worked for Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, and she will share that information with Merced.
- 2. Approved the Minutes of November 1, 2018 and February 1, 2018 meeting. (Rhoy/Daily-Johnston 3/0).
  - Annette welcomed Laurie Daily-Johnston who represents Stanislaus County and comes with a long and wide history in animal care.
- 3. Discussion of Vets for Pets Program: Tabled until May since Kathryn Burns and Ann Taylor are both out tonight.
- 4. Discussion: Volunteer Program Resources Annette Patton introduced Jennifer Smith, Volunteer Coordinator for Stanislaus Animal Services Agency to do a brief

overview of the program and where it goes from here. Jennifer stated SASA started with security, for those with boots on the ground in the shelter, for more than 25 hours. Photo ID badges have been made for volunteers. Photos are being added to the system for easy identification. Establishing specialties, to make volunteers time more effective. Training is forthcoming in dog behaviors and group play and Jennifer will be attending foster training. A kitten nursery is being opened, and should provide less contagions, the room will be little warmer, and the kittens will be protected. Volunteers are and will continue to be recognized for their hard work. Jennifer is working on different aspects of recognition, including education and training with certification. Spring/Summer provides many events. FETCH is coming soon, they will be trained in safety, handling and become certified kennel attendants, while assisting with the feeding, water and cleaning of animals and their kennels. Adopt-A-Palooza went very well, with great connections. Love Modesto is coming soon as is Earth Day. Jennifer is looking to enhance Trunk or Treat this year, with hopes of having more animals for adoption at this event. We are excited to have our kitten shower in May and in June there will be a kitten foster/education/recruitment event at PetCo. Volunteer trends were shared showing how needs and trends change from month to month.

- 5. Discussion: SASA Draft Strategic Plan Annette provided a draft copy of the Strategic Plan for Stanislaus Animal Services Agency and gave a verbal presentation on each of the agency's divisions, fiscal responsibilities, shelter comparisons, goals and priorities. The Agency Board saw this plan at their March meeting and wanted to give the Animal Services Advisory Committee an opportunity to review and provide their feedback. Once all feedback is received amendments will be made to the Strategic Plan and brought back to the Agency Board at their April 18, 2019 meeting for final approval.
- 6. Future Agenda Items: Elections and an update on Pets for Vets
- 7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 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