

**ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 3, 2019**

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Laurie Daily-Johnston, Chair

Roll Call:

Renee Rhoy, Ceres
Laurie Daily-Johnston, Stanislaus County
Kathryn Burns, Modesto

Absent:

Kiley Gravatt, Hughson
Ann Taylor, Patterson

Unfilled Positions:

Waterford
County Veterinarian

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director Linda Ford, Confidential
Jennifer Smith, Volunteer Coordinator Jewel Warr, Deputy Executive Officer

Dignitaries and Guests:

Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment – Welcome Courtnay Lynch. Courtnay comes to us from Southern California. She has been involved with rescue for six years and will soon be representing the City of Waterford on the Animal Services Advisory Committee.
2. Approved the Minutes of August 1, 2019 meeting. (Johnston/Burns - 3/0).
3. Discussed the removal of breed labels on shelter dogs – Laurie Daily-Johnston states she is doing additional research on this topic and will have more to discuss soon.
4. Updated – Volunteer Coordinator Programs and Structure: Jennifer Smith, Animal Services Volunteer Coordinator, updated the Animal Services Advisory Committee on the program and projects. This included information on a \$10,000 grant secured for volunteer mentorship, the continuation of the FETCH program

and programs to enrich the volunteer experience at SASA. Training is upcoming for both staff and volunteers.

5. Discussed – Home to Home: The program helps to prevent owner surrenders and will require some staff time in the beginning and during peak seasons. All are encouraged to visit the Home to Home website (<https://home-home.org/>) for research purposes. Animal Shelters are evolving and no longer just housing animals, but moving into animal welfare and education.
6. Future Agenda Items: Revisit breed labels on shelter dogs
Update from Best Friends on Community Cat Project
9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2020 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