



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

FISCAL YEAR 2013 WORK PLAN

CALENDAR 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chairperson Katherine Dettmer, Commissioners Karen Johnson, Alan Hummel, Audrey Sutton, Chris Vigil PhD, and Sandy Petersen

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote community awareness of responsible care, humane treatment and respect for ALL animals, through Trap-Neuter-Return and affordable spay/neuter pet population control programs, humane education and other endeavors, of which it will apprise and advise the Board of Supervisors.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Animal Advisory Commission was established by Ordinance NS.300.393 on March 26, 1985. The Commission was established for the purpose of advising the Board of Supervisors on matters which relate to animal care, welfare and control. The powers and duties of the commission shall include: (a) to aid in coordinating and promoting pet population control measures; (b) to work with the county Office of Education on curriculum for humane education and responsible pet ownership/guardianship in the schools; (c) to investigate and find alternative ways of achieving an animal shelter at minimum cost to taxpayers; to make suggestions to the staff of the environmental management agency to strengthen the county animal control program; (e) to serve as an information and referral source on animals by working with the public and private animal welfare groups; (f) to educate the public about the seriousness of the animal control problem; (g) to advise the Board of Supervisors on any matters concerning animal control which may be referred to the Commission by the Board; and (h) to render to the Board of Supervisors at least once each calendar year a report or reports of its activities.

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GOAL/OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	PRIORITY RANKING	TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION
1. Explore methods to increase Spay/Neuter Program funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate donations • Public donations 	1	
2. Support the establishment of a trust fund for donations for a new County of Santa Clara Animal Shelter in San Martin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public donations 	2	
3. Re-image the current county animal shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore methods to revitalize the shelter image 	3	
4. Explore creation of full service Animal Care and Control with emphasis on <u>care</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore creation of public partnership with animal care professionals 	4	

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GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING GOAL STATUS
Explore methods to increase Spay/Neuter funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researched the procedure to add the County of Santa Clara Animal Shelter as an approved recipient of donations from the United Way
Explore methods to increase participation in Animal Advisory Commission by animal care professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted recommendation for modification of qualifications required for appointment by an animal care professional to the Animal Advisory Commission
Respond to Board Referral regarding mandatory Spay/Neuter of Pit Bull-type dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and submit comments regarding mandatory Spay/Neuter of Pit Bull-type dogs to AEM to input into 'Keyboard' on behalf of Animal Advisory Commission for April HLUET meeting

ON-GOING PROJECTS

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES
Continue to endorse the position of "co-existence" as the preferred method regarding wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore educational and media involvement to educate public • Generate public awareness of wildlife issues and peaceful co-existence
Monitor progress of area disaster plan preparation and implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage reports from Cindy Stewart as to progress and involvement of County Office of Emergency Services (OES)

