



TULARE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023
MEETING

Meeting Called to Order:	1:07 pm by Patrick Hamblin
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ATTENDANCE
PRESENT: BJ Motko, Bridgette Davis, Carrie Morales, Damaris Menchaca, Donna Sims, Lena Cooper, Oma Mansfield, Patrick Hamblin, Tracy Everett
ALTERNATES PRESENT:
EXCUSED ABSENCE: Amy Shuklian, Denise Simmons, Donna Grigsby, Mary Dieterle, Michelle Hart, Tricia Stever Blattler
UNEXCUSED ABSENCE: Michael Cortez
GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Jungwirth, Ameet Nagra, Cassie Heffington

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Review and Approval of minutes from Meeting on April 13, 2023			
None			
Motion:	<i>Approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting on April 13, 2023</i>		
1st:	BJ Motko	2nd:	Oma Mansfield
Vote	Yes: Unanimous	No:	

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Comments from Advisory Committee Members	
BJ mentioned the CVRR fundraiser was in two weeks. Discussion on how the meetings are back in person again and working on the Ad Hoc committees. Discussed the flooding response.	

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Update from Animal Services on Activities of Tulare County Animal Services	
<p>Cassie talked about the flood response with the first storm in Jan/Feb and then the second storm in March. Setting up and breaking down different shelters. Shelters in Porterville, Tulare and Exeter. Housed animals in a locker room. CCADT ran the Porterville shelter for a while. Had 30 animals abandoned by their owners. Had some medical cases. She had staff working 7 days a week. Assisted Cal Fire with evacuations. Worked on a pully system to get a horse out of the mud. Did weekly vaccinations at the evacuation sites. Also had 12 dogs and 2 cats at our shelter. Was a long couple of months.</p> <p>The clinic is back up with surgeries 3 days a week. Usually have 30-35 surgeries a day. Have had 1,000 surgeries since Jan 1st. 520 cats (mostly public cats) and 306 dogs. Had 1 vaccination clinic. Had to cancel others due to rabies vaccinations being on back order for a while. Then the dappv went on back order. San Francisco SPCA came out 2-3 times to get trained by our veterinarian. Triaging cases. Have the new xray and ultrasound now through a grant by SF SPCA. Using them almost daily.</p> <p>In January we had 1700 intakes. This week so far 77 intakes. Dogs, mostly puppies. Had to put pop up crates in the puppy room. Have a plea for emergency fosters. Some have a flight out next week. Have no space for more pop up crates. 145 dogs total last week. 23 puppies yesterday, 2000 calls. Had a cruelty case where the dog had an arrow in him. Went on a plane to go to a rescue. Our doctor came in on Saturday to do surgery and he is doing great.</p> <p>We are doing \$20 adoptions right now. Making sure the animal is a good fit for the adopter. BJ talked about more strict placement on adoptions and returns. Outcomes for pets are lower because they can't</p>	



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move them. Lots of shepherds, huskies, pits, dobermans. No small fluffy dogs. Talked about legislation for animal care. Possibly renting out a hall and getting a premise permit to do spay and neuters a few days.

Porterville city took over the emergency shelter in Porterville and moved it to the National Guard Armory. Talked about long term effects of the flooding with dairies and water. Ag and dairy problems for next year.

AGENDA / DISCUSSION: **Update from Ag Advisory Committee on Deceased Animals**

None. Have been responding to the floods.

AGENDA / DISCUSSION: **Establish an Ad-Hoc Committee on Animal Services Budgetary Challenges**

Talked about aging trucks. Trucks with 200,000 miles. Repairs to the facility. Advocate for making recommendations to the Board as a committee.

Motion: *To Form an Animal Services Budgetary Challenges Ad-Hoc Committee*

1st:	BJ Motko	2nd:	Bridgette Davis
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Vote	Yes:	Unanimous	No:
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AGENDA / DISCUSSION: **Update from Ad-Hoc Committees**

Membership: No activity at this time

By-Laws: Needs to send out to the committee and ad hoc members

Volunteer: None

New Committees: None

AGENDA / DISCUSSION: **Suggestions of Committee Alternates**

Went over the process with new members.

AGENDA / DISCUSSION: **Additional Comments**

Bridgette talked about other shelters. How meetings are open to the public. Discussion on responding to social media in a positive manner. Directing people to our website. Possible link to the stats on the shelter animal account. BJ talked about their Ruff Readers Program. Oma mentioned that Erica is the new shelter manager in Porterville.

AGENDA / DISCUSSION: **Adjourn meeting @ 2:14 pm**

Motion: *Adjourn Meeting @ 2:14 pm by Patrick Hamblin*

1st:	Oma Mansfield	2nd:	Damaris Menchaca
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Vote	Yes:	No vote	No:
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