



**STANISLAUS COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
November 4, 2011**

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Dave Cerutti, Chair

I. Roll Call:

All members present.
Three vacant positions

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Linda Ford, CAIV

Deirdre McGrath, County Counsel

II. Presentation: None

III. Public Comment: Karen Mosser talked about a presentation being put on by Nathan Winograd. The No Kill 101 presentation is being held at the Janet Leigh Theatre at UOP on Saturday November 5th from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Karen suggested members or representatives attend. Karen is interested in getting SASA involved with Heart Walk in February. She would like to see Kaiser hold their Heart Walk out here at the Cornucopia site with dogs walking too. Karen thanked Annette Patton and Dr. Stewart for the work they've been doing with the Kitty Care Takers and the altering of feral cats from their colonies.

IV. Consent Item: Approved the minutes of the October 7, 2011 Animal Advisory Board Meeting. (Farley/Gottschalk 6/0)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- A. Update: Reduced Cat Adoption Fee Program – Tabled
- B. Update Education Project – Sarah Gottschalk advises she will have an update next month.
- C. “Lifetime of Love” certificate provided by Dave Cerutti. The certificate will be given to all who adopt an animal from SASA and will be provided to SASA after a spelling correction

VI. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS –

- A. Discussion and Action on Objectives to carry out the Purposes of AAB – Purpose A** and Objectives 1, 2 and 3 are tabled until after the Committee is formed and holds their first meeting. **Purpose B** and Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are tabled until after the Committee is formed and holds their first meeting. (Farley/Gottschalk 6/0)
- B. Discussion and Action – recommend SASA revise its adoption contract to allow for the return of an adopted animal(s) for varying reasons.** – Tabled item B until changes are approved by the JPA. (Farley/Gottschalk 6/0)

VII. INFORMATION ONLY

- A. News and updates from Executive Director - The Feline Population Symposium is being held on November 11, 2011 from 1:00 until 5:00 at Harvest Hall. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- B. Update of Kitty Care Taker program – SASA has taken 5 to 6 cats a day to spay or neuter Monday through Friday. Over 100 feral cats have been altered. The kitty Care Taker meeting was a success with many registered Kitty Care Takers attending and updating their Kitty Care Taker application. Updates allow us to contact them to schedule spay or neuter surgery for their colonies at no charge. (Feral cats are not owned.) Kitty Care Takers are helping each other trap and drop feral cats here and then pick them up afterward. Traps may be rented with a \$65 deposit which is credited back upon their return. The traps can be kept for up to one week and the Kitty Care Takers do not have to pay the \$2 daily usage fee.
- C. Update SASA Committee and AAB Organization Revision – Annette reviews the structure of the AAB – 9 members, 5 of which cover a particular district, 1 Veterinarian and 3 alternates that report to and advise the Board of Supervisors. The JPA approved a committee of 7 members, defined as 1 from each City partner, 1 from the County and 1 Veterinarian. The goal for the new committee is to be up and running by January 2012 and the Animal Advisory Board to be disband in December 2011. Long term AAB members wishing to continue will be grandfathered in until their term expires. Expiring AAB members will be replaced with new recruits from the partnering agencies, not already covered. The grandfathered AAB members can assist in the development of the new By Laws for the Committee, Education, Spay/Neuter and Public Events, but will not be involved in Operations. The newly formed committee will have 8 meetings a year, and can have sub committees. Committee members will have to apply. The JPA Agenda will have committee reports as a standard. AAB members can mentor new AAC members for ease of transition.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS' FORUM

Marlene Wilson discussed a cat she found and had altered through Alley Cat Guardians. The cat is recovering in her home and proves to be a nice cat. Marlene believes the cat must have been trapped due to injuries to its paws.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 12:55 p.m.

NOTE: NEXT AAB MEETING IS FRIDAY, December 2, 2011