



# Coachella Valley Animal Campus

## COMMISSION MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE THAT ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA MAY RESULT IN ACTION TAKEN BY THE ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Coachella Valley Animal Campus Commission is as follows:

**THURSDAY, November 10, 2011**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Commission Meeting  
CVAG Meeting Room 115**

**73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 115  
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

### **Animal Campus Commission**



#### **City of Cathedral City**

Councilmember Sam Toles

#### **City of Coachella**

Councilmember Gilbert Ramirez Jr.



#### **City of Desert Hot Springs**

Councilmember Karl Baker, Jr.  
Vice-Chair

#### **City of Indian Wells**

Councilmember Mary Roche



#### **City of La Quinta**

Councilmember Kristy Franklin

#### **City of Palm Desert**

Councilmember Cindy Finerty  
Chairperson



#### **City of Rancho Mirage**

Councilmember G. Dana Hobart

#### **County of Riverside**

John J. Benoit, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Marion Ashley, 5<sup>th</sup> District

#### **Animal Samaritans**

Al Vasquez, President  
Ex-Officio



#### **County Staff**

Noel Loughrin  
Board Assistant



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### 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairperson, Cindy Finerty called this meeting to order at 9:33 am

Members present:

Earl Moss (Proxy)- Cathedral City  
Noelia Chapa (Proxy)- Coachella  
Bruce Pelletier (Proxy)- Indian Wells  
Kristy Franklin (Member)- La Quinta  
Cindy Finerty (Member)- Palm Desert  
Dana Hobart (Member)- Rancho Mirage  
Michelle DeArmond- County of Riverside

Others present:

Anthony Moreno- La Quinta  
Joe Estrada- Rancho Mirage  
Frank Corvino- Department of Animal Services  
Dr. Allan Drusys- Department of Animal Services  
Jacqueline Berman  
Susan Jacoy  
Lindi Biggi  
Janet McAfee

### 2. **FINALIZATION OF AGENDA**

No items added

**72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, CA 92276**

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## 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jacqueline Berman- Two items:

- Lucy's Law has passed the legal review at the state and Sen. Vargas will take it to state senate in January.
- Gave a warning about Kirkland Dental Chews for Dogs. She is currently talking to Kirkland (Costco brand) about warning label on Kirkland Dental Chews for dogs. Concerned that warning label is not noticeable enough and should be changed since eating product on an empty stomach could possibly cause digestion problems for dogs. California Veterinary Board is now getting involved with issue.

Janet McAfee and Lindi Biggi- Loving All Animals will be hosting an animal adoption event on November 19-20 at Whitewater Park in Rancho Mirage. They are working with 28 animal welfare agencies on this event. Some animals will come from the Coachella Valley Animal Campus and Animal Samaritans. Janet and Lindi passed out VIP passes for event and sponsorship forms for the 2012 event.

Fred suggested that they apply for the ASPCA grant for super adoption events to help with funding for the next event.

Janet McAfee- Mobile Mutts program has seen success at the Rancho Mirage City Council meetings. People in the audience and people who watch on TV have been contacting Loving All Animals for adoptions.

## 4. ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Councilmember Hobart- His dog became lethargic and took his dog to the 24 hour emergency vet on Jefferson. The dog was there for 4 days and they took great care.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved unanimously

## 7. COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

The department is currently working on a German Shepard abuse case.

There was an animal cruelty case in Blythe and the owner was convicted. This person cannot own anymore animals.

Animal Services attended the ribbon cutting for the new Bob Hope bridge/ I-10 freeway entrance. This should hopefully bring in more foot traffic at the Animal Campus.

## 8. ADOPTION ALLIANCE UPDATE- Fred Saunders/ Christina Castillo

Program has been successful. They have been working with an animal rescue in Sacramento and they have been taking about 20 animals at a time. The goal is to adopt/ rescue 1,100 animals by April 2012. Christina Castillo has been doing a great job.

Animals have been featured on Channel 2- Eye on the Desert.

9. **ANIMAL SAMARITANS** – Fred Saunders, Executive Director

A local family's dog was diagnosed with a very infectious disease. The family was originally quoted \$700 for an exam and \$3,000 for surgery by another vet. Animal Samaritans was able to do the exam for \$45 and the surgery for \$300. Donations and grants make these prices possible.

The number of parvo cases that were reported at the September meeting has gone down. Ringworm comes and goes because it can be transferred so easily.

10. **FRIENDS OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS**

No report

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Animal Campus Commission is scheduled for Thursday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the ***Coachella Valley Animal Campus in Thousand Palms. 72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, CA 92276.***

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson, Cindy Finerty adjourned this meeting at 10:24 am