



# Coachella Valley Animal Campus

## COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**THURSDAY, September 13, 2012**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Commission Meeting**  
**Coachella Valley Animal Campus**  
**72-050 Pet Land Place**  
**Thousand Palms, CA 92276**

### **Animal Campus Commission**



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

Councilmember Sam Toles

#### **City of Coachella**

Councilmember Gilbert Ramirez Jr.



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

Councilmember Adam Sanchez

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

Councilmember Mary Roche



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

Councilmember Kristy Franklin  
Vice-Chair

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

Councilmember Cindy Finerty  
Chair



#### **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**

Betty Maytag, President  
Ex-Officio



#### **County Staff**

Noel Loughrin  
Board Assistant



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

Vice-Chair Kristy Franklin called this meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

A roll call was conducted and it was determined that there was a quorum. The following were present:

#### **Commission Members:**

Mary Roche, Indian Wells  
Kristy Franklin, La Quinta  
Adam Sanchez, Desert Hot Springs

#### **Others present:**

Michelle DeArmond, County of Riverside (**authorized to vote**)  
Jean Benson, Palm Desert (**authorized to vote**)  
Lt. Earl Moss, Cathedral City (**authorized to vote**)  
Rob Miller, Animal Services  
Frank Corvino, Animal Services  
Lorie Loftis, Loving All Animals  
Janet McAfee, Loving All Animals  
Jacqueline Berman  
Deby Conrad  
Noel Loughrin

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

No changes

### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### 4. **ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

None

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## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

Lt. Earl Moss from the City of Cathedral City and Jean Benson from the City of Palm Desert provided authorization letters from their respective cities to vote on behalf of the jurisdiction.

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S: Roche/ Sanchez

Abstain: Benson

July 12, 2012 meeting minutes approved

## 7. LOVING ALL ANIMALS SUPER PET ADOPTION- Janet McAfee

The Loving All Animals Super Pet Adoption Event is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Whitewater Park in Rancho Mirage. There was some confusion at the 2012 Super Pet Adoption event because some cities reimbursed their residents for the adoption fees and some did not. In order to alleviate this confusion Lorie Loftis would like to specifically print in the program which cities will be reimbursing their residents. The program will go to print on September 25.

Councilmember Franklin suggested that Janet and Lorie send letters to each of the Animal Campus cities to ask that this topic be agendaized for their next city council meeting. Due to time constraints (program print deadline is Sept. 25) it might not be likely that all cities will be able to approve before the deadline.

Rob Miller suggested that the county might be able to use their special events pet adoption pricing (\$20 per dog + \$10 for microchip) for this event. This price reduction should help move animals out of the shelter and into loving homes.

Councilmember Roche suggested that Loving All Animals send an electronic copy of their event flyer to each city so they can email it to all of their residents. An electronic copy should be sent to John Welsh as well and he will forward it to all of his contacts.

## 8. LUCY'S LAW UPDATE- Jacqueline Mercier

Assembly Bill 969 (Lucy's Law) was voted down in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 8.

Jacqueline Mercier is thankful for all of the support the Coachella Valley Cities and Animal Campus Commission has given to this bill. The public is now informed and groomers are now aware that they have to change their ways. Jacqueline also thanked Janet McAfee for all of her help and work to support Lucy's Law.

## 9. COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

- Update: Frank Corvino, Deputy Director of Animal Services

All of the Animal Campus Commissioners were given copies of the Animal Campus facilities update at the July 2012 meeting. In the facilities update all of the cost estimates were listed. The quote for all of the dog kennels will change because more work needs to be done, approx. \$3,000 + to the original cost estimate.

All of the repairs that are needed in the Animal Campus will cost approximately \$250,000. All of the city contracts now have fees that go specifically towards facility maintenance and the county has been setting aside money for repairs. During this fiscal year the county will not have enough money to fix everything at the facility. The money that has been saved will be used to pay for the high priority repairs. Maintenance will probably be spaced out over two or three years. Animal Services will work on informing the community once construction begins since this will interfere with daily operations.

Councilmember Jean Benson suggested that Animal Services contact the Rotary Clubs or Soroptimist Clubs and ask if they want to donate funds to pay for some of the repairs. Rob

Miller mentioned that he will talk with KASE today and discuss the possibility of asking organizations to “adopt a kennel”.

Councilmember Roche has asked how much each city is paying for facility maintenance. Rob Miller said he will provide that information at the November CVAC meeting. Frank Corvino said that the cities have a fixed rate assigned to facility repairs; this rate will not increase to cover the \$250,000 estimated cost of repairs.

Frank Corvino updated the commission on the euthanasia question that was mentioned at the July 2012 CVAC meeting. There have not been any healthy animals euthanized since the July 2012 CVC meeting.

In October and November Animal Services has a few adoption events scheduled. “Dogtober Fest” will take place in Riverside. Animal Services will be participating in the annual Irvine pet adoption event. On November 7 & 8 Animal Services will be hosting a pet adoption event at the River Shopping Center in Rancho Mirage. The department will also be participating in the Loving all Animals Super Pet Adoption Event at Whitewater Park in Rancho Mirage on November 17 & 18.

**10. ANIMAL SAMARITANS & ADOPTION ALLIANCE UPDATE-** Fred Saunders, Animal Samaritans Executive Director

Fred Saunders was unavailable. Rob Miller said that the Adoption Alliance Program has rescued 2,000 animals to date. Animals Samaritans and Animal Services are currently working on sending out press releases.

**11. ANIMAL ANTI-CRUELTY FUND-** Fred Saunders

Fred Saunders was unavailable.

Rob Miller spoke briefly on this topic. The county already has a fund that addresses this issue and isn't interested in entering into a second fund. Money for the county fund comes from court restitutions and donations.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

The next meeting of the Animal Campus Commission is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the **CVAG Conference Room 115 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM

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