

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF
ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE
Meeting Minutes September 9, 2021**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Nina Irani; Jane Tobin; Michael Angelo Torres; Iris Chan, Annemarie Fortier; Irina Ozernoy, Brian Van Horn, DVM; Shari O'Neill, DVM, SF ACC

Absent: Lisa Wayne, SF RPD; Joe Majeski, SFPD

2. General Public Comment:

- There was one comment from a member of the public expressing disagreement with the response from SF Animal Care and Control regarding a recent rescue of kittens.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes from August 2021 Meeting

- Meeting minutes were approved as amended.

4. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Reports

- A. Chairperson Irani reported that the Commission's Resolution in support of CA Proposition 12 was unanimously approved by the SF Board of Supervisor at their September 7th meeting. A video from the Board meeting of Supervisor Safai commending the Commission and thanking Chairperson Irani for her hard work was shown.

5. New Business

A. Saving the Lives of Our Pigeons and Doves (Discussion Item)

- Elizabeth Young, Director of Palomacy, presented on their organization's work rescuing domestic pigeons and doves, and educating the public about them.
- Commissioners discussed misconceptions about pigeons, ways to tell if a bird needs help or is in distress, and how well adopted pigeons adapt when sharing a home with other domestic animals.
- There were no comments provided by the public on this agenda item.

6. Old Business

A. Reporting from SF Animal Care and Control (Discussion Item)

- SF ACC Chief Shelter Veterinarian O'Neill provided an update on current operations in the shelter, and the number of animals currently in the shelter, being fostered, and up for adoption.
- Commissioners discussed the current vacant positions and staffing levels at SF ACC, and the number of emergency veterinary hospital options in the City.
- There was one member of the public who thanked Palomacy for the presentation and expressed disagreement with SF Animal Care and Control regarding a recent rescue of kittens. This was in follow-up to a comment that the same commenter made earlier during the General Comment period.

7. Items to be put on Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

- A. Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (New Business)
B. On-going SF ACC Reporting (Old Business)
C. Chairperson Irani announced that any agenda items for the October 14th meeting should be submitted by Friday, October 8th. The agenda, and any supporting documents, will be posted by Monday evening, October 11th.

8. Adjournment (approx. 7:08PM)