

**SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF
ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE
Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2016**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Annemarie Fortier; Robin Hansen, DVM; Julene Johnson; Bunny Rosenberg; Jane Tobin; Shari O'Neill, DVM; Sergeant Sherry Hicks

Absent: Davi Lang; Russell Tenofsky; Lisa Wayne; Virginia Donohue (SF ACC)

2. General Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of Draft Minutes from the 2016 - July Meeting Minutes

Approved with edits

4. Chairperson's report and opening remarks

No opening remarks

5. Commissioner's reports

No reports

6. Old Business

- A. San Francisco Police Department Training Video for Encounters of Officers and Dogs** - Sgt. Sherry Hicks provided a presentation and video for CA P.O.S.T. (California Police Officer Standards Training). This training video helps officers identify, prevent and defuse potentially dangerous dog encounters that in the absence of proper training could lead to injury/death of a dog and injury to officers/public. SFPD uses this as part of a 4-hour course for new officer recruits with goal to make it part of advanced training. An outline of the powerpoint will be posted on the ACWC website.

Sgt. Hicks also explained that as of June 2016, CSI documents all scenes where a shooting occurred and confirmed that as of now any shooting of an animal by a police officer is classified as an "officer involved discharge" versus "officer involved shooting".

Commissioner Johnson asked for data on officer involved shootings.

B. Follow up on SF SPCA / SF ACC Partnership Statistics

Partnership Statistics - Commissioner Johnson reported on follow-up inquiries regarding the 2015 Partnership shelter statistics information from the April meeting presented by Cynthia Kopec, of the SF/SPCA and Vicky Goldbech, of SF ACC.

Commissioner Johnson investigated previous Partnership Statistic reports dating back to 2007 and noted the the trend in the increase of intake of out of county animals. Commissioner Johnson also contacted Richard Avanzino and Carl Friedman for clarification about the or

Commissioner Johnson spoke with Rich Avanzino who reported that at a point in time ACC and SF/SPCA decided to report stats together. Prior to early 1990's, reports were produced separately. Also reports included limited data and did not include for example, transfers to other organizations such as rescue groups. As the field have evolved new fields have been added including transfers.

Commissioner Johnson plans to speak with Carl Friedman to find out more about the origin of the partnership statistics.

In addition Commissioner Johnson drafted a letter to recommend that total live release rate include statistics for SF animals only and exclude animals that are from out of county.

Next steps - Julene Johnson will incorporate edits to the letter as suggested by commissioners. We will identify who should receive the letter.

These partnership stats were created after the 1994 Partnership Pact and not part of the initial pact.

7. New Business

A. Review of the San Francisco Sunshine Laws as they pertain to Animal Control and Welfare Commission-

Chairperson Fortier contacted the city Office of Ethics to determine if ACWC needed to adhere to Sunshine Laws. According to the Office of Ethics, ACWC as an advisory commission is not subject to Sunshine or Ethics. Chairperson will verify with the City Attorney's Office.

8. General Public Comment

No public comment.

9. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

10 . Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps - (see #6 Old Business)

11. Adjournment (approx 7:20 p.m.)