



# Coachella Valley Animal Campus

## COMMISSION MINUTES

### Animal Campus Commission



#### City of Cathedral City

Councilmember Stan Henry

#### City of Coachella

Councilmember Steven Hernandez  
David Garcia (Alternate)

#### City of Desert Hot Springs

Mayor Adam Sanchez

#### City of Indian Wells

Councilmember Mary Roche  
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Warren Morelion (Alternate)

#### City of Indio

Councilmember Elaine Holmes  
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Councilmember Kristy Franklin

#### City of Palm Desert

Frankie Riddle

#### 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

Carol-Ann Myers  
Executive Assistant

Thursday, March 13, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Commission Meeting

CVAG

73-710 Fred Waring Drive,  
Palm Desert, CA 92260.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Animal Campus Commission Meeting was called to order on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 9:37 a.m. at the CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA, by Chairwoman Mary Roche, Councilmember for the City of Indian Wells.

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

#### Members in Attendance:

Mary Roche, Councilmember, City of Indian Wells  
Elaine Holmes, Councilmember, City of Indio  
Frankie Riddle, City of Palm Desert  
Fred Saunders, Animal Samaritans, Ex Officio

#### Others in attendance:

Earl Moss, Police Captain, City of Cathedral City (**proxy to vote**)  
Patricia Cooper, County of Riverside (**proxy to vote**)  
Robert Miller, County Animal Services  
Frank Corvino, County Animal Services  
John Welsh, County Animal Services  
Kim McWhorter, County Animal Services  
Veronica Ramos, County of Riverside  
Carol-Ann Myers, County Animal Services  
Michelle Bergeron, Animal Samaritans  
Janet McAfee, Loving All Animals  
Kim Hardee, Coachella Animal Network

### 2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as submitted

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jackie Mercier-Berman: The Lucy Pet Foundation will partner with Riverside County Animal Services to do another spay/neuter outreach event in Indio April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Jackie discussed the possibility of funds being donated to the Commission on a monthly basis that will be used toward spay/neuter outreach events. It will be up to the Commission to determine how these funds will be allocated. The commission voted unanimously on declaring this an emergency agenda item.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:**

- Jenny Rayner with Loving All Animals presented a flyer pertaining to their Community Event in Mecca on March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Kim Hardee expressed the need for a low cost spay/neuter clinic in the East Valley.

## **4. SPAY/NEUTER DONATION FUNDS(Emergency agenda item m/s Roche/Franklin):**

Jackie Mercier-Berman (Lucy Pet Foundation) discussed funds being donated from a resident to go toward spay/neuter outreach efforts in the desert. It was determined that each Elected Officials would need to discuss this with their respective City Council prior to making a decision on how the funds would be allocated. Riverside County Department of Animal Services has a non-profit organization, Animal Solutions Konnection (ASK) that will be able to assist with this this. The motion was approved to give direction to the County to hold any money received in a trust through the ASK Foundation pending approval of the commission for disbursement. m/s Roche/ Franklin.

## **5. ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Council Member Holmes commended the events that are taking place in Indio offering low cost pet services for the residents.

- 6. CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter authorizing proxy voting rights to Earl Moss (Cathedral City), for the March 13, 2014 meeting. Letter authorizing proxy voting rights to Patricia Cooper (Riverside County), for the March 13, 2014 meeting.

- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved as submitted. m/s Riddle/Holmes

## **8. COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES:**

- **Dr. Allan Drusys, Chief Veterinarian:** There was an issue with statistics presented to the Commission. Dr. Drusys explained that this was a telegraphic error and it has been with corrected and does not affect the outcomes/statistics for each jurisdiction.
  - The Spay/ Neuter Mobile Bus is being deployed regularly. There is a standing agreement through a grant to deploy the bus in Mead Valley.
  - Grant for Mecca/ Northshore. Currently 6 days of deployment in April.
  - The County recently hired a Mobile S/N Bus Driver.
  - The County is looking into buying a new tractor for the S/N bus in order to be compliant with a new law.
- **Robert Miller, Director:** The Department is participating in “Shane’s War, Pardon Event” at the CVAC Shelter. The Pardon is a week-long event when no animals are euthanized and the goal is to get every animal out of the shelter.
- The Department is currently working on a community cat project. More information will be given at the next meeting.
- **John Welsh, Public Information Officer:** John is partnering with Tom Snyder with Animal Samaritans. The Adoption Alliance Program is nearing 5000 pets transferred.

- **Frank Corvino Deputy Director:**
- 197 dogs were adopted out at the Date Festival.
  
- **Facilities:** The floors are now finished. Animal Services gives thanks to Jaqueline Mercier for the donation of the mister system and large industrial blowers to assist with the fly problem at the Coachella Shelter.
- **Case updates:**
- Dog bite reported in Desert Hot Springs at a bus stop.

9. **ANIMAL SAMARITANS & ADOPTION ALLIANCE UPDATE- Fred Saunders Executive Director:** The floor plans have been received for the proposed clinic. Animal Samaritans is still awaiting final Board approval. The Adoption Alliance Program is nearing 5000 animal rescued. Fred Saunders acknowledged the problem with feral cats and committed to doing surgery on 50 cats at no charge.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting is May 8, 2014 at 9:30AM at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus. 72-050 Pet Land Place Thousand Palms, CA 92276.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Mary Roche, City of Indian Wells, adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.