

**San Jose Animal Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes—March 13, 2008

Attendees: Loree Levy Schwartz  
Janet Alexander Thompson  
Trish Watson  
Absent: Marthina McClay  
Staff: Jon Cicirelli  
Julie St. Gregory  
Guest: Ann Wondolowski

1. Approval of minutes: held over, Janet will distribute October minutes ASAP.
2. Public Comments: none
3. Discussion of meeting time: Trish suggested that meetings should begin at a later time due to busy schedules. After brief discussion, the committee decided to keep the start time at 5:00 p.m. This can be revisited if necessary at a later date.
4. John introduces Ann Joly, the new Shelter Operations Manager. She hopes to attend future meetings and participate actively on the committee.
5. Interview committee applicant:
  - Ann Wondolowski attended the meeting and was interviewed by committee members. She has many skills, time and a desire to participate on SJAAC. Ann was unanimously voted onto the committee.
6. PAWS report: No one from PAWS present to give update.
7. Shelter Director's Report
  - John distributed the Animal Care and Services Bi-Annual Report that was presented to the Neighborhood Services & Education Committee on 11-26-07. It contained a full three years of information on the activities of the ACS Program, responsible for sheltering and field services, relating to domestic animals in the City of San Jose and the contract cities of Cupertino, Los Gatos, Milpitas, and Saratoga. Some highlights are:
    - ACS responded to 92,496 calls for service.
    - Response to Priority 1 service calls in a timely manner was 88%, 3% higher than the performance measure.
    - Total animals: 52,823 dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, reptiles, birds, small animals and wildlife.
    - The LRR (live release rate) for dogs was 74% and 31% for cats over the three year period. The national average for open door shelters for dogs is 70 – 80% and ~60% for cats. The large volume of cats received at the Center significantly influences this measurement of euthanasia.
    - Revenues: revenues for Division continue to improve each year. They include income received from animal licensing, board and impound fees, adoption fees and contract revenue for the cities of Cupertino, Los Gatos, Milpitas and Saratoga.

Also, the state of California reimbursed the City almost \$860,000 as a result of claim reimbursement fees under Senate Bill 1785.

8. Committee Officers: Loree Levy Schwartz has agreed to be chairperson, Trish Watson is vice chair and Ann Wondolowski will be secretary.
9. Old Business:
  - Strategic planning and goals will be discussed at the next meeting.

*Mission statement: To develop a humane community for the benefit of animals and people through service and education.*

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.