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I know there is a lot of discussion about the direction and the leadership of VCAS, but there is only one discussion that needs to be held..what does the community and the voters of ventura county want and in fact demand?

No kill, not the the no Kill with the Alisoma Accord funny math but Live Release Rate. Ultimately the governing board is the responsible party for the direction of VCAS and only the board with of course the voters and the community being the final say in the end. No kill (without the Mickey Mouse math) is totally achievable and in fact for years under Tara Diller it was no kill as there was always a solution, working with rescues not only in ventura county but other areas is a must, the reliance of volunteers is a must, spaying and neutering is a must as the law of supply and demand comes into play. There has to be the stopping of breeding in fact Big Bear is entertaining an ordinance that no breeding will be tolerated and the state is looking to fund more and more spay and neuters in the state (they have already committed 50 million which any shelter can apply for funds) as the state recognizes this is the answer to over population.

We have a state law to help stop breeding Bella's act AB2152 is in effect but it must be implemented to be effective. Monies should be allocated for free or low cost spaying and neutering, a liaison (such as your past person Jane) needs to be reinstated as that woman moved a lot of animals. Clearly, this is a complicated issue but when you have years of no kill and then

suddenly gradually the killing starts again , then of course there are those who are upset and why not? If it could be done for years , then why not now? That's because there was an extremely supportive board for no kill with Steve Bennett being a strong proponent.

No one likes to kill but in order to be no kill, you have to have the desire and the will to accomplish that as opposed to taking the expedient way out.

I do know that in the 12 years that SPARC has been in existence we have never killed an animal for behavior, space or medical, we pride ourselves on finding a solution and are blessed with having volunteers and others committed to our vision.

It was the vision of VCAS, the community, the politicians and others to want, to enforce and to make happen a true no kill and there are really no excuses for the back sliding that is happening today.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jean-Marie Webster

Founder of SPARC