

On Aug 7, 2023, at 10:59 AM, Ropes, Sandra <Sandra.Ropes@ventura.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see the message below from VCAS Director Jackie Rose.

Thank you,

Sandra Ropes,

Management Assistant to the
Director of Animal Services

Good Morning:

As many of you are aware, a full-page ad was taken out by a woman named Lisa Koch in the Sunday, August 6th edition of the Ventura County Star in which she targets our agency with false and misleading statements. Additionally, many of you have also received emails directly from her containing similar and additional unfounded claims. Please know that we take these matters very seriously and our commitment to transparency remains unwavering.

To address these issues, and other false allegations made by Ms. Koch, I will be making a presentation to the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors on September 12, 2023. Additional information about the meeting may be found at the following link: <https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/agendas-documents-and-broadcasts/>

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

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To: Ropes, Sandra, Matt LaVere, Jeff Gorell, Vianey Lopez, Kelly Long, Janice Parvin, Lisa Koch

Mon, Aug 7 at 3:48 PM

Dear Ms. Ropes, please deliver this email to Jackie Rose

Dear Supervisors,

As a member of the VCAS Board of Commissioners, I read the attached email with great interest. I must admit I found Ms. Rose's accusations against Ms. Koch to be aggressive on their face. We know that Ms Koch is a disabled veteran working in a high level state job and very respected for the work she does, to be called a liar in this way, to be accused of false allegations by a County Employee is untenable.

Not only is Ms Koch a disabled Veteran, she is a voter in Ventura City and County and no private citizen, especial one who served with dignity should be denigrated in this way. As a member of the Board of Commissioners I am very concerned about the abuse of power displayed by County employee J. Rose in her position as director of VCAS.

I am writing to request that Ms Koch be invited to participate at the Sept 12 Board of Supervisors meeting, to hear Jackie Rose's public accusations and to rebut them with her evidence.

I have attempted to verify the statements of Ms Koch by reviewing VSAC's "Camelion" software but Jackie herself blocked my request, even though the VCAS contract with the city of Ventura guarantees such access.

What is most disturbing for myself in all of this is how this circling of the wagons around Ms. Rose resembles the previous Board of supervisors actions to protect Mike Powers about whom rumors prevailed going all the way back to his time at VCHSA and earlier, as well as the horrific and accusatory retaliations he perpetrated against those who opposed or spoke out against him.

Please, give serious consideration to my request to allow Ms Koch the opportunity to rebut and clear her reputation at the Sept 12 BOS meeting.

If you would like to discuss this with me please call me at 805 760 7594.

Liz Campos

Lisa Koch <dagknee@aol.com>

To: Ropes, Sandra

Cc: Matt.lavere@ventura.org, Lourdes.solorzano@ventura.org, john.zaragoza@oxnard.org, bryan.macdonald@oxnard.org, bert.perello@oxnard.org and 58 more...

Tue, Aug 8 at 10:16 AM

Good morning everyone,

As I have been, in essence, called a liar by Jackie Rose, I certainly hope you will give me the time to respond/rebut her presentation after it is concluded.

I cite only facts. Ms. Rose tends to speak in generalities that sound good...until you check the actual facts.

Because I have been called a liar to public officials, by another public official, which I consider a real abuse of power, as suggested by Councilmember/Animal Commissioner Campos, I took the liberty to gather the evidence of my facts, should you choose to look at them. Keep in mind, the Asilomar reports are available on the VCAS public website. The IRS filing 990 for the Foundation is available on Propublica's website.

In addition, I was provided with a screenshot of an email Jackie Rose sent to her staff, I'm guessing, to "rally the troops." Another abuse of power, perhaps?

The screenshot of the email she sent to the employees who report to her is available on facebook.

I will be rallying my own troops for the meeting and I hope we can fill the room to the rafters. Many of the volunteers with whom I am in contact are fed up with her actions and disrespect toward the volunteers who work so hard at VCAS, in addition to most having full-time jobs, like me.

Unfortunately, because they know they can be banned from volunteering to walk dogs at VCAS, **as I was**, they are afraid to come and speak publicly, fearing retaliation. I would hope that you, the members of the Board of Supervisors, a public body, can assure them they will not be retaliated against by either having one of their "favorite" dogs killed, or being banned from volunteering altogether, if they choose to speak publicly about the problems at VCAS under the direction of Jackie Rose.

I look forward to you granting me, a private citizen, denigrated by a public official, the necessary time to speak after Ms. Rose's presentation.

Maybe if Ms. Rose had served in the military, as I did, she would have more respect for the people who pay her salary. As taxpayers in Ventura County, she does work for us.

If you have any questions, please reach out.

Thank you,
Lisa Koch

Lisa Koch <dagknee@aol.com>

To: jackie.rose@ventura.org

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Fri, Aug 11 at 9:05 PM

Dear Jackie,

Please supply me with the "false and misleading statements", "additional unfounded claims" and "other false allegations" I allegedly made?

Because the email you sent out defaming/slandering/libeling me is, as you know, holding a J.D. degree, that email, under the California Public Records Act, is considered "public information" and is therefore, subject to disclosure to the public.

Please show me the courtesy of edifying me by enumerating those specific "false, misleading, unfounded claims and statements/allegations" so I may respond to them, also publicly, to clear my good name.

Sincerely,
Lisa Koch

I propose that instead of building a “new” animal shelter in Camarillo, a brand new animal shelter is built in Oxnard. It could, like Camarillo, be at the Oxnard airport, since the same County Department has authority over both places.

As you can see from the below table related to the current VCAS contract with the eight cities and the County of Ventura, the highest percentage of intakes is 36.0%, for Oxnard. Because the bulk of the intakes are located in that city and we already have a shelter in Simi Valley, as well as Camarillo, it makes sense to have an additional shelter in the northwestern part of the county.

Clearly, with VCAS constantly posting on their Facebook account that they are way over capacity, this would make much more sense than pouring a lot of money into the Camarillo location.

Please consider this options when deciding on the best way and place to spend the taxpayer’s money.

	2018INTAKE		2017INTAKE		2016INTAKE		FUTURE YEAR WEIGHTED AVG
Camarillo	1174	10.4%	1223	9.9%	1109	10.4%	10.3%
Fillmore	198	1.7%	320	2.6%	192	1.8%	2.0%
Moorpark	283	2.5%	245	2.0%	321	3.0%	2.5%
Ojai	44	0.4%	109	0.9%	SO	0.5%	0.5%
Oxnard	4112	36.3%	4196	34.1%	3947	37.2%	36.0%
Port Hueneme	409	3.6%	432	3.5%	470	4.4%	3.8%
Simi Valley	1360	12.0%	1363	11.1%	1306	12.3%	11.8%
Ventura	1249	11.0%	1555	12.6%	1253	11.8%	11.6%
County	2494	22.0%	2864	23.3%	1971	18.5%	21.5%
Total Intake	11323	100.0%	12307	100.0%	10619	100.0%	100.0%

September 6, 2023

Dear Ms. Koch,

I recently read your proposed initiative regarding Ventura County Animal Services and other animal shelters in the Ventura County Star. Heidi and I strongly support your efforts and join in your request that the board of supervisors adopt this initiative.

I believe the initiative would provide badly needed authority, oversight, and accountability to make Ventura County truly a NO-KILL REFUGE for our animal companions and assure that available funding is properly administered.

My wife, Heidi, and I are longtime animal welfare advocates and have rescued many animals, primarily dogs, over the last thirty-plus years. We understand the challenge and the need. Thank you for your courage and determination in seeking this badly needed legislation.

Warm regards,

Michael Bradbury

Ojai, CA 93023

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Bradbury". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

MICHAEL D BRADBURY


HANG 'EM HIGH RANCH

OJAI, CA 93023

(805) 861-0840

Statement of Acknowledgement

I, LISA KOCH acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under State Law (Section 18650 of the California Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

 (Signature)

Dated this 29th day of AUGUST, 2023

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COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

By , Deputy

Notice of Intention

Note: the Notice of Intention must be signed by at least one but not more than five proponents of the petition, and must be accompanied by the following:

- (1) written text of the measure;*
- (2) request for a ballot title and summary to be prepared by County Counsel;*
- (3) \$200 filing fee*

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the County of Ventura for the purpose of qualifying for the ballot an initiative measure entitled **Boston's Ordinance** _____

A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Insert 500-word statement outlining the reasons for the proposed petition (Optional)

Out top goal is to make Ventura County 100% No Kill for animals.

Since May 2019, there have been far too many euthanasias of adoptable animals at Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS). Since shortly after that time, there has been no effective oversight or accountability for the Director of VCAS. This petition seeks to give the oversight of VCAS to the Ventura County Animal Services Commission. The Commission is comprised of a City Councilmember from each of the eight cities that contract with VCAS and one County Supervisor.

Out second goal is to remove the money collected through donations from the public away from Animal Services Foundation of Ventura County that also has no oversight, other than the Director of VCAS, who makes all spending decisions for the 501(c)(3) Animal Services Foundation of Ventura County.

As of their 2021 IRS filing form 990, they had \$2,135,836 cash on hand. They have been hoarding cash for the past 11 years, at least, while adoptable dogs and cats are being euthanized because there are no funds being provided for medical and training purposes for the animals.

VCAS' website states "100% of your donation benefit the lifesaving programs and animals at VCAS." This statement is false, the Foundation has spent only a little more than half of all donations since 2011. These donations from the community must be transferred to the Ventura County Animal Services Commission where the members will be able to review cases and vote for disbursement of funds.

The Animal Commission will also be required to approve any euthanasias performed instead of the one-person euthanasia panel that now exists.


(Signature of Proponent)

LISA KOCH

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(Business or Residence Address)

Ventura, Ca. 93003
(City/State/Zip Code)

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COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

By



, Deputy

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Article 2 – Animal Shelter

Section 4431 of Article 2 shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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4431 - Animal Services Director.

By  , Deputy

It shall be the duty of the Director to enforce the provisions of this Article and any resolution of the Board of Supervisors adopted pursuant hereto.

(Ord. No. 4457, § 1, 12-10-2013; Ord. No. 4587, § 1, 10-19-2021)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 4587, § 1, adopted Oct. 19, 2021, amended the title of § 4431 to read as herein set out. The former § 4431 title pertained to the poundmaster.

4431-1 - Reserved.

Editor's note— Ord. No. 4587, § 1, adopted Oct. 19, 2021, repealed § 4431-1, which pertained to definitions and derived from Ord. No. 4457, § 1, adopted Dec. 10, 2013.

4431-2 - Animal Services Director as Health Officer.

The Director, and any deputies he or she so designates, shall be vested with the powers and duties of a deputy health officer of the County and shall have the power and it shall be his or her duty to enforce all laws and regulations of the County and the state relating to the capture, isolation, quarantine, placement or destruction of animals, within the guidelines in sections 4431-3 through 4431-5, and subject to the oversight of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission.

(Ord. No. 4457, § 1, 12-10-2013; Ord. No. 4587, § 1, 10-19-2021)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 4587, § 1, adopted Oct. 19, 2021, amended the title of § 4431-2 to read as herein set out. The former § 4431-2 title pertained to the poundmaster as health officer.

4431-3

The people of the County of Ventura do enact as follows:

(1) "Animal Shelter" means a public animal control agency or shelter that receives the majority of its funding from Ventura County and/or cities within Ventura County.

(2) "Rescue Group" means a for-profit or not-for-profit entity or a collaboration of individuals that removes dogs or cats, or both, from a public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, or humane shelter, or rehomes a Dog or Cat, or both, that has been previously owned by any person other than the original breeder.

(3) "Dog or Cat" means a Dog or Cat eight weeks of age or older that, at or subsequent to the time the animal is impounded or otherwise taken into possession, has not exhibited a pattern of documented, consistent, severe behavioral or temperamental defects, as assessed by a certified Animal Behaviorist or certified canine Behavior Consultant, independent of that shelter, but not shelter staff, that could pose a health or safety risk, and has manifested no sign of untreatable disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the animal or that is likely to adversely affect the animal's health in the future, as assessed by a licensed veterinarian.

(4) For all animals being evaluated for potential euthanasia, the evaluation must be completed by an independent Animal Behaviorist or certified canine Behavior Consultant, independent of that shelter and then submitted to the Ventura County Animal Services Commission for a super majority vote by a minimum of seven (7) members. Votes may be submitted by email to all members of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission. The evaluation of each animal's behavior must take into effect the totality of all circumstances that the animal has endured, including, but not limited to, injuries, attacks by another animal, traumas endured, previous abuse, information provided by trainers, fosters, kennel staff, and volunteers. Specifically, the animal will not be assessed based on a failed adoption due to the adopter's other animals' behavior and/or a hostile environment to which the animal is subjected. All behavioral evaluations must be made based solely upon documented, consistent patterns of behavior.

(5) All Animal Shelters shall provide public notice on their official public internet website at least seventy-two (72) hours before euthanizing a Dog or Cat (each a "Euthanasia Notification"). Each Euthanasia Notification shall provide information that includes at least as much as the following: (1) the date that a Dog or Cat is scheduled to be euthanized; (2) the specific reason that the Dog or Cat is to be euthanized; (3) all documented, consistent patterns of severe behavioral or temperamental defects that justify the euthanasia; (4) all factors and information provided to the Animal Shelter by foster, adoptive parents or other individuals with knowledge of or experience with that specific animal; (5) the remedial measures taken to stop, limit or prevent that pattern of behavior prior to the drastic and definitive measure of taking the animal's life; (6) the steps that any individual or organization can take to save the life of the animal prior to euthanasia; and (7) the date Ventura County Animal Services Commission approved the euthanasia.

Violation of the public notice is a crime, this ordinance constitutes a countywide-mandated local requirement.

(6) The Outcome Report (a report produced daily by VCAS' shelter software program and sent out to VCAS staff and volunteers) and the Euthanasia Notification generated by Ventura County Animal Services shall be provided to all members of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission daily, via email. The same reports and notifications must be made available to the public in a timely manner for anyone who elects to be included in the notification/reporting communications from Ventura County Animal Services. Any individual may elect to be included in the notification/reporting communications and shall have a Personal ID created and added to the communications list.

If, for any reason, the Outcome Report is not disseminated electronically, those notifications and reports shall be created by other means (for example Crystal reports) and sent to all recipients who have requested to receive such communications.

Section 4431-4:

(1) For each Dog or Cat euthanized by the Animal Shelter, the originating city of the Dog or Cat must deduct \$3,000 from their quarterly payment to the Animal Shelter. The monies will be held in an escrow account, controlled by the Ventura County Animal Services Commission, and must be used to fund needs of the animals at VCAS, including, but not limited to, transport, medical, training, board and train facilities, etc. \$1,500 of the deducted amount will be given to any valid, 501(c)(3), animal rescue organization in Ventura County, California, that takes possession of the animal for the purpose of adoption to the public. In addition, the Ventura County Animal Services Commission will have sole control of the monies in the

escrow account and must vote, by a majority, to approve all spending decisions. Votes will be considered valid if received by email by all members of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission. The Ventura County Animal Services Commission Chair will then authorize the expenditure from the escrow account. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will authorize the expenditure from the escrow account.

(2) For each Dog or Cat that is denied admittance to Ventura County Animal Services shelters, the originating city of the Dog or Cat must deduct \$3,000 from their quarterly payment to the Ventura County Animal Shelter. Up to \$500 of the deducted amount must be used to reimburse the owner of the Dog or Cat that was denied entry by the Animal Shelter for their costs for euthanasia or spay and neuter services. The owner of the Dog or Cat must apply for reimbursement from the Ventura County Animal Services Commission. The Ventura County Animal Services Commission shall publish a notice on their official website notifying their citizens of this program. The balance of the \$3,000 shall be deposited in the same escrow account listed above in item (1).

(3) All dogs in Ventura County Animal Services' custody must be walked at least four [4] times per week, by both kennel staff and volunteers. This includes dogs under quarantine for any reason, unless lab results confirm the illness exists and it is considered highly transmissible. The quarantine period required after a verified bite from a dog at Ventura County Animal Services, will be five [5] days, as allowed under Title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 2606(b)(2). A staff veterinarian shall complete a full physical exam on the fifth day to confirm no signs or symptoms of rabies. No dogs shall be quarantined and/or restricted from walking after the five [5] days and the veterinary confirmation of no signs or symptoms of rabies. A behavioral evaluation shall not be required after a quarantine due to a dog bite. All dogs who have completed the five-day quarantine and been found by the veterinarian to exhibit no signs or symptoms of rabies shall be returned to a general kennel and immediately made available for adoption or foster.

(4) Unless veterinary records are available for each dog admitted to Ventura County Animal Service, all dogs in Ventura County Animal Services' custody must be administered the following vaccinations within two weeks of being admitted to Ventura County Animal Services' custody, and semi-annually or annually, thereafter, as appropriate:

Rabies

Canine Distemper Virus (CFV)

Canine Parvovirus (CPV or parvo)

Canine Adenovirus-2 (CAV-2)

Bordetella Bronchiseptica

Canine Parainfluenza Virus (CPIV)

Canine Influenza Virus-H3N8 (CIV or dog flu)

Canine Influenza Virus-H3N2 (CIV or dog flu)

The shots need not be given as individual shots, but can be provided in a combination, such as the DAPPL4 vaccine.

(5) Ventura County Animal Services shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) spay/neuter surgeries per week for the contracted "Trap, Neuter, Return" (TNR) program with the cities and the County of Ventura. The Cats brought to Ventura County Animal Services for the spay/neuter surgeries, must be transported to Ventura County Animal Services in a "trap" or a type of carrier that allows for easy administration of an intravenous sedative. The Cats cannot be brought to Ventura County Animal Services for spay/neuter surgery in an enclosed carrier or kennel. In addition, Ventura County Animal Services will provide free

spay and neuter services for Dogs and Cats once per month. If Ventura County Animal Services is unable to provide the spay/neuter services to the public to meet the demand, they must provide vouchers for spay/neuter surgeries to a local veterinarian, or other low-cost spay and neuter hospitals in Ventura County.

Section 4431-5:

Ventura County Animal Services Commission shall be comprised of one City Councilmember from each of the cities that contract with Ventura County Animal Services and shall be appointed by the city council of the contracted city. In addition, one member of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors shall be selected by the Supervisors to sit on the Ventura County Animal Services Commission. The Director of Ventura County Animal Services must attend all meetings of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission. The role of the director is to respond to questions and present reports, as requested by the Commission and/or the Commissioners.

Ventura County Animal Services must submit to and have approved by The Ventura County Animal Services Commission every existing, altered or new policy in use by Ventura County Animal Services. This will include, but not be limited to, euthanasia policies, dog walking restriction policies, all agreements between VCAS and local 501(c)(3) rescue organizations, and vaccination policies.

Ventura County Animal Services Commission meetings shall be held at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California, and the meetings shall commence at 3:00 p.m. and continue until all public comments are heard. The meetings must be recorded and live streamed. All meetings shall allow for public comments of no less than three (3) minutes per person, regardless of the time required. Public comments must be allowed in person, by Zoom, by telephone or by mail or email. All videos of the meetings, written submissions and any other submitted documents shall be posted to the Ventura County Animal Services website on the Ventura County Animal Services Commission's web page at <https://www.vcas.us/vcas-commission/>, no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the meeting has adjourned. Any persons requesting to make a public comment must be allowed to cede their time to another person of their choosing. All meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of every other month, beginning in January of each year.

At its meeting of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission on the first Thursday after the first Monday after January 1 of each year, the Commission shall nominate and elect from its membership a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for a minimum of one full year or until the selection of their successors. All meetings of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission. The agenda for each Ventura County Animal Services Commission meeting shall be posted no less than one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting, on the Ventura County Animal Services Commission's web page at <https://www.vcas.us/vcas-commission/>. The Chair shall serve as presiding officer of the County Animal Services Commission, shall rule on questions of procedure, shall nominate for Commission approval representatives to Commission committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for, shall sign official documents approved by the County Animal Services Commission, shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide all questions of order. Decisions of the Chair may be overruled by a majority vote of the County Animal Services Commission. The Vice Chair shall hold the same powers as the Chair, if the Chair is unavailable. If neither the Chair nor the Vice Chair is present at a meeting, the Commission

members present shall, by an order entered into the minutes, select one of their members to act as the Chair Pro Tempore. The Chair Pro Tempore shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of the Chair for that particular meeting only.

Section 4431-6:

Neither the County of Ventura nor Ventura County Animal Services shall provide web hosting services for any organization to solicit monetary donations, unless those donations are deposited into the escrow account provided for the Ventura County Animal Services Commission. The Ventura County Animal Services Commission shall have sole discretion to vote on the disbursement of those funds. Votes by email are to be accepted as valid by the Ventura County Animal Services Commission members.

4432 - Disposal of impounded animals other than livestock.

The Director shall feed and care for any animal impounded as provided in this Chapter until it is disposed of as provided by law. If such animal is not a "diseased or injured animal" as defined in this Chapter and is not being isolated pursuant to Article 4, the person owning such impounded animal may redeem it at any time after it is taken up by describing it, proving ownership to the satisfaction of the Director, paying all applicable fees and obtaining, when necessary, the dog license required by Section 4411. If an impounded dog bears a license tag issued under the provisions of this Chapter, notice of impoundment shall be mailed to the address shown on the copy of the receipt for such license tag on file in any County office. If any animal impounded as provided in this Chapter is not so redeemed, or if the owner of such animal is unknown to the Director, or fails, or refuses to comply with any of the requirements of redemption as provided herein, or if the owner has waived the redemption period in writing, such animal shall be deemed to be abandoned and the Director shall dispose of such animal according to the provisions of applicable state law. In disposing of an impounded animal, the Director ~~may, in his or her discretion,~~ shall make every effort to adopt such animal to any qualified and approved person who will provide the animal a legal, safe, humane home, ~~may~~ must transfer such animal to a municipal shelter, approved 501(c)(3) rescue organization, humane society or society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, upon request by the municipal shelter, approved 501(c)(3) rescue organization, humane society or society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or, if the animal is euthanized, the Director must act in accordance with 4431-3, euthanize the animal in a humane manner. The fee to be charged for any animal adopted as a pet or transferred shall be as prescribed by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

(Ord. No. 4457, § 1, 12-10-2013; Ord. No. 4587, § 1, 10-19-2021)

4432-1 - Repealed by Ordinance 4403—10/20/09.

4432-2 - Repealed by Ordinance 4403—10/20/09.

4433 - Diseased or injured animals.

(a) A "diseased or injured animal" is any animal not suspected of rabies which is apparently diagnosed by a qualified veterinarian, using appropriate diagnostic tools, such as lab tests, to be either diseased, sick, injured, disabled, or infirm. (b) Shelter Animals. Upon impounding any animal, the Director a licensed veterinarian shall determine whether it is a "diseased or injured animal." If the animal is determined to be diseased or injured by a licensed veterinarian, the Director is authorized to procure any necessary

emergency medical treatment for such animal and shall, without undue delay, exercise reasonable diligence in locating and notifying the owner of the location and condition of the animal. All attempts to locate and notify the owner must be documented by the Director and the documents must be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years. When reasonable effort fails to locate the owner or when an owner, after having been located, refuses to accept responsibility for further medical treatment of a diseased or injured animal, the Director may euthanize such animal in a humane manner. (c) Private Practice Veterinary Animals. When a licensed community-based veterinarian determines that a stray or wildlife diseased or injured animal is in severe pain and not likely to survive even though provided medical treatment, it may be humanely euthanized. The veterinarian shall first exercise reasonable diligence to identify and notify the owner that the animal was injured and should be euthanized. If a diseased or injured animal is not euthanized and the owner was not identified, the veterinarian shall notify the Director~~Division~~, and the Director shall dispose of such animal, as otherwise provided in this Code.

(Ord. No. 4457, § 1, 12-10-2013; Ord. No. 4587, § 1, 10-19-2021)