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AGENDA: June 2, 1998

Board of Supervisors
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Humane Treatment of Biomedical Animals

Dear Members of the Board:

On April 28, 1998, your Board considered a report on the humane treatment of animals used in biomedical production. At that time, you continued the item to today's meeting to respond to the request of the SPCA for additional time to review the *Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching*, which was suggested as a standard of care to be adopted by the County. The County Administrative Office has contacted the publisher, and the book is expected to be available to the public by the end of July. It will be necessary to allow time for interested parties to review the book, so we recommend that your Board direct the County Administrative Officer to return this item on September 22, 1998. The SPCA is in concurrence with this recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD direct the County Administrative Officer to return on September 22, 1998, with recommendations on the humane treatment of animals used in biomedical research or production.

Very truly yours,

Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: Kat Brown, Acting Executive Director, SPCA
Dave Moeller, Agricultural Commissioner
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