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October 8, 1999

Agenda: October 19, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### **Resolution Concerning 1482 -Animal Sheltering Requirements**

Dear Members of the Board:

On April 18, 1999 your Board adopted a resolution in support of AB 1482, which defers to **July 1, 2000** certain provisions of SB 1785 (Hayden), which relates to the duties of pounds and shelters and certain prescribed holding periods for stray and owner surrendered cats and dogs. AB 1482 was signed into law by the Governor on July 12, 1999. Local entities who had a contract with another public or private entity to provide animal shelter services on January 1, 1999 may defer to July 1, 2000 the new holding periods if specified conditions are met. The specified conditions are as follows:

1. At a duly noticed public hearing, the public entity adopts a resolution that, based on findings of local circumstances, the shelter provider cannot reasonably comply with the longer holding periods because of the lack of sufficient facilities. Your Board set today as the public hearing on your Agenda of September 25<sup>th</sup>, and the Clerk of the Board provided the public notice as required;
2. Within 60 days of the adoption of the resolution, the public agency adopts a plan to meet the holding periods by July 1, 2000;
3. The public agency requests the shelter provider to utilize all existing and any new facilities to comply with the holding periods to the extent possible;
4. The public agency directs the animal shelter provider to operate a program for the adoption of animals, and directs the animal shelter provider to release any animal scheduled to be euthanized to a non-profit, as defined in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code at the request of that non-profit;
5. A public agency which adopts the resolution described above shall require the animal shelter to implement flexible hours in order to increase the opportunity for owners to reclaim or adopt animals; and

- 6. The public agency requests that where possible, the animal shelter provider utilize the Internet to provide pictures, descriptions, or both of animals housed to facilitate reuniting of animals to their owners, and to facilitate adoptions.

County staff has worked with the Santa Cruz SPCA on this matter, and the SPCA is in agreement that an extension to July 1, 2000 is appropriate. Programs aimed at increasing the adopt ability of shelter animals, and aimed at developing off-site capacity for peak times rather than advocating for additional kennel space, have been included in the budget and program initiatives that were approved by your Board on September 25, 1999, and are scheduled for implementation beginning May 2000. These programs will be fully operational by July 1, 2000. This agreement serves as the County's plan to meet the new code requirements by the July 1<sup>st</sup> date. In the interim, the SPCA will comply with the provisions of AB 1482. The SPCA currently operates a program for the adoption of animals, and utilizes the Internet to assist in these efforts. The SPCA is open during flexible hours, including Saturdays and Sundays, in order to facilitate reclamation and adoption. The shelter will also be opening one evening per week until 7:00 p.m. for the limited special purpose of allowing owners to reclaim pets. The attached resolution provides the findings that AB 1482 requires.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the attached resolution

Very truly yours,



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County Administrative Officer

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Attachments

cc: Cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola, Scotts Valley  
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Santa Cruz SPCA  
County Counsel

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO:

On Motion of Supervisor  
duly seconded by Supervisor  
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO ANIMAL HOLDING PERIODS

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 1999, SB 1785 (Hayden) among other provisions established new impounding time periods for stray cats and dogs and owner relinquished animals; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 1999, AB 1482 (Alquist), Chapter 752, Statutes of 1998, authorized a one year delay in the implementation of the holding periods established by SB 1785, provided that certain conditions are met; and

WHEREAS, one of those conditions is that the public agency determine, at a duly noticed public hearing that its animal shelter provider cannot reasonably comply with the longer holding periods required by Sections 31108, 31752.5 and 31754, as amended or added by Chapter 752 of the Statutes of 1998 because of the lack of sufficient facilities; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 1999, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing in compliance with the provisions of AB 1482, and made the following findings of local circumstances:

1. As of January 1, 1999 the County of Santa Cruz contracted with the Santa Cruz SPCA for shelter services.
2. The number of animals received in 1998 was 8,088, the number of dogs and cats impounded during 1998 was 2,325.
3. The number of dogs and cats euthanized during 1998 was 2,041 and the cost of providing that service was approximately \$75,260.
4. The number of animals adopted in 1998 was 2,023, the number of animals reunited with their owner was 1,011, and the cost of providing those services was approximately \$127,200.
5. The number of animals expected to be received and impounded in 1999 under the provisions of SB 1785 is expected to be about the same as impounded previously; however, the impact of the new holding periods, especially for owner relinquished animals may impact the shelter's ability to accommodate those animals for the specified impounding time, especially during the peak activity months, without increasing the overall rate of euthanasia for adoptable animals, which is a goal of the Santa Cruz SPCA.
6. The percentage of cage space predicted to be needed in order to comply with the holding periods required by Sections 31108 of the Food and Agricultural Code is a minimum of 100% of the current cage space.
7. In order to accommodate these possible impacts, while working to lower the overall euthanasia rate for adoptable animals, the Santa Cruz SPCA will be implementing programs to accommodate adoptable animals off-premises, if necessary, during peak activity months, and programs to increase the adopt ability of shelter animals.
8. Until those programs are in place, which is estimated to occur on or before July 1, 2000, the SPCA

is concerned about their ability to comply with in all instances the holding periods required by SB 1785.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors finds that its animal shelter provider cannot reasonably comply with the longer holding periods because of a lack of off and on-site support programs and/or sufficient facilities.

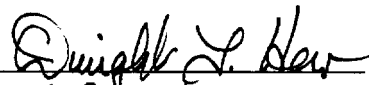
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS  
NOES: SUPERVISORS  
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counsel

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