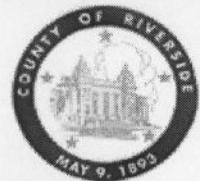


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency – Department of Animal Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 5, 2005

SUBJECT: Blue Ribbon Committee Report and Recommendations on Cat Population Control

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Receive and file the attached report;
- 2) Direct the Department of Animal Services to present a plan to implement the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations for the Board's consideration within 120 days; and
- 3) Dissolve the Animal Services Blue Ribbon Committee for Cat Licensing and the Animal Shelter Blue Ribbon Committee.

BACKGROUND: On April 29, 2003, the Board of Supervisors enjoined a Blue Ribbon Committee to determine the advisability of cat licensing in Riverside County and to present its findings back to the Board. The report and recommendations were presented to the Board on Sept. 9, 2003. The Board directed Animal Services to work with the Blue Ribbon Committee to come back with a spay and neuter program for cats that could be realistically implemented in lieu of licensing cats.

(continued)

Robert Miller
Director of Animal Services

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	n/a
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	n/a
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	n/a

SOURCE OF FUNDS: n/a	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Policy
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 Consent
 Consent
 Dept't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 4/29/03, 3.36;
9/9/03 3.28

District: All

Agenda Number:

3.4

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

Departmental Concurrence

The following people participated in the development of the attached report:

Anne Washington, First District
Cindy Gudino, First District
Gena Osborne, First District
Sheila Ehrlich, Chairperson, Second District
Pat Merritt, Second District
Nan Miller, Third District
Barbara Flanagan, Fourth District
Jerry Stoner, Fifth District
Donna Knox, Fifth District
Garry Grant, Fifth District

The committee debated strategies and tactics to reduce the euthanasia of cats in Riverside County including, but not limited to, spay and neuter programs. The committee was able to reach consensus on a majority of the recommendations. Two committee members had concerns about changing fees related to two of the recommendations, but not the overarching recommendations themselves.

The Department of Animal Services substantially concurs with the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations. Many are included in department's FY05/06 Requested Budget and Policy Items. Some are being addressed independently by the department's management team and labor-management committee. The department will take the pending Humane Society of the United States Task Force recommendations into consideration when developing plans to implement the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendations for the Board's consideration.

**REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
ON
RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP CONTROL CAT POPULATION**

The Blue Ribbon Committee would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to recommend the following suggestions.

All recommendations were approved unanimously by members, unless otherwise stated.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Hire another full time veterinarian. The County needs two full time veterinarians to accomplish the following goals.
2. County to buy and staff a Spay/Neuter Mobile Clinic. The County needs to be able to provide low cost spay/neuter services to areas within the county where there are no low cost spay/neuter clinics.
3. County to have a Spay/Neuter Clinic open to the public seven days a week. Being opened only during the week is too limited. Many people work during the week, if spay/neuter services were offered on Saturdays and Sundays it would increase the number of spay/neuters.
4. To reduce euthanasia of future cats brought into the county shelters, the Blue Ribbon Committee recommends a Microchip Program. We feel if the shelter staff could notify the owners, more cats would be claimed and returned to their home. When a cat doesn't come home for dinner, many people think the cat will show up later. County holding period is only five days. By the time most owners start looking for their cat, their cat may have already been euthanized at the shelter. County statistics show approximately one percent of cats are ever redeemed from the shelter.

The Blue Ribbon Committee recommends the following Microchip Program:

- A. All cats adopted are microchipped before leaving the shelter.
- B. Owners of cats to have the option of having a microchip implanted in their cat at the time of redemption at no additional cost.
- C. Incorporate an increase of \$10.00 to the adoption fee and an increase of \$10.00 to impound fees to cover the county's increase cost due to the above recommendation. **(Opposed by 2 members, Pat Merritt & Garry Grant, see attachments).**
- D. Enforce laws on book regarding "no unaltered cat is allowed to roam".
- E. County to offer implant of microchips when they hold their vaccine/rabies clinics.

Members recommending the five suggestions feel they are trying to save as many cats as

possible from being euthanized. All cats are scanned and if a cat has a microchip this will greatly increase the probability of finding the owner.

5. To build a better rapport with 501c3 rescue groups, the Blue Ribbon Committee recommends an amendment to the ordinance to waive the \$5 adoption fee. **(Opposed by Pat Merritt, see attachments)**. Other members feel even though fee is small it may act as a deterrent to some 501c3 rescue groups.

6. The Committee recommends the Shelter budget to be increased to allocate additional money for an ongoing Spay/Neuter Voucher program.

7. The Committee recommends the Shelter be open on all Sundays to increase adoptions.

8. The Committee recommends hiring more staff for the Animal Shelter.

9. The Committee recommends the Advertising Budget for Shelter to be increased to accommodate weekly advertising in the Press Enterprise and in all neighborhood newspapers, including Spanish and Vietnamese neighborhood newspapers.

10. The public needs to be better informed of the animal control laws, services offered at the shelter; the County's low cost spay/neuter clinic, pet overpopulation and all the animals available for adoption.

11. We recommend the educational program be expanded. Community Leaders: Churches, Elk Club, Lion Club & PTA, etc. should all be contacted to arrange meetings to educate their members on the pet overpopulation crisis and to encourage all their members to spay/neuter their pets.

12. "Welcome Packet" handouts to be given to new residents, giving them information on the services provided by animal control. Distributed by Chamber of Commerce, Water Companies, Pet Stores, Schools (for new students), etc.

13. The Blue Ribbon Committee recommends an increase in the Shelter budget to accommodate all the above.

GARRY GRANT

OPPOSES #4C OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MICROCHIP PROGRAM.
MR GRANT FEELS OWNER MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REDEEM THEIR
CAT DUE TO THE EXTRA COST.

Pat Merritt Opposition to Recommendations and Rationale:

Recommendation 4.B

Owner may not want to chip in their cat for fear of it moving (which they can do). A separate account would be called for, those who receive a chip and those who do not. Owners who has come to shelter to find their cat, pays fine and may not want a microchip.

But do agree microchip in the animals is an excellent idea for cats to be saved.

Two accounts would still be needed for cats; the second for those who do not receive a microchip. Monies now go into general fund and accountability is need for chips not used.

Recommendation 4.C

The same rationale applies to recommendation 4.C as to 4.B

Recommendation 5

The Board of Supervisors, May 7, 2002 – with the planning Department – changing 348.3980: Removed plot plan fee of a few hundred dollars for rescuers. Their only cost to adopt an animal from the shelter is (\$5.00) five dollars administration fee. Their spay and neuter fee is returned to them when animal is adopted.

If they cannot afford a \$5.00 fee, how are they going to care for the animal. Plus the fact this is Administration Fee which is part of County's budget.

A few of the cat rescuers are charging fees for adoption. If people can afford that, they can afford the \$5.00 fee.

References attached.

Title 6 ANIMALSChapter 6.08 DOGS AND CATS**6.08.060 Animal rescuer.**

- A. Any person engaged in the rescue of animals shall first obtain a rescue permit from county animal control and shall meet all requirements for a kennel/cattery license.
1. For a rescuer maintaining seven to ten (10) dogs on a parcel one-half acre to one acre in size the rescuer shall obtain a Class I Kennel/Cattery license.
 2. For a rescuer maintaining eleven (11) or more dogs/cats, a Class II Kennel/Cattery license is required, and the minimum land requirement shall be one acre.
- B. The fee for a kennel/cattery permit as a rescue facility shall be as follows:
1. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for up to six dogs on a parcel one-half acre to one acre. Fifteen dollar (\$15.00) late fee.
 2. One hundred (100) percent of the applicable kennel license permit fee in those cases where a Class I or II kennel permit is otherwise required.
- C. An animal rescuer may keep a maximum of four personal (not for adoption or sale) dogs and nine personal (not for adoption or sale) cats and must include these animals as "personal pets" on the animal rescue permit application. In those cases where the person occupies from one-half acre to one acre, up to six dogs may be kept on the premises.
- D. Personal dogs (not for adoption or sale) shall be individually licensed in accordance with this chapter.
- E. A permitted rescuer obtaining animals from a shelter facility pursuant to Section 6.08.110(G) shall not be subject to the payment of impound fees and charges specified in Section 6.08.110 (A), but shall be subject to the spay/neuter deposit specified in Section 6.08.120(A).
- F. All rescued dogs and rescued cats older than four months must be spayed/neutered prior to releasing to an adopting party. In any event, the animal must be altered within thirty (30) days of receipt by the rescuer.
- G. Accurate and complete records of all animals shall be maintained by the animal rescuer on forms which will be made available to county animal control for inspection upon request.
- H. An animal rescuer may recoup, from the adopting party, the cost of any inoculations, the cost incurred by having the animal altered prior to adoption, and any costs related to the treatment of illness or injury.
- I. Administration of the animal rescue program shall be the responsibility of the animal services manager who shall have the authority to issue and revoke animal rescue permits. (Ord. 630.9 § 1, 2003; Ord. 630.8 § 2, 2002; Ord. 630.7 § 6, 1999)

ADOPT A PET

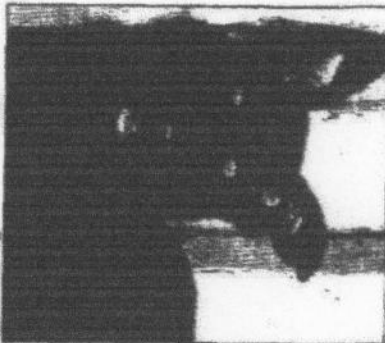
The animals are available through the Benevolent Animal Rescue Committee (BARC) in Memome. The adoption fee for dogs is between \$100-\$150; cats are \$65. All animals have been spayed or neutered, and vaccinations are up-to-date; puppies will receive their second and third shots. BARC brings animals to PetSmart in San Bernardino from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on alternate Sundays. PetSmart is at 595 E. Hospitality Lane. For more information, call (909) 389-9552 or visit www.barcpetrescue.com.

Spaymobile schedule

The Spaymobile is a low-cost spay/neuter van sponsored by the Humane Society. It operates every Wednesday through Saturday. Vaccinations will be given with no appointment but appointments are required to have pets spayed or neutered.

To make an appointment or for more information, call the Humane Society of San Bernardino at (909) 882-4205. The Spaymobile will operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with spay/neuter surgeries from 8 a.m. to noon and vaccinations from 1:30-4 p.m. at the following locations:

- **Tuesday:** Lawrence A. Hutton Community Center, 660 Cotton Ave., Colton.
- **Thursday:** Don Day Community Center, 14501 Live Oak, Fontana.
- **Friday:** WalMart, 2050 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands.



Courtesy photo

Atticus is a female German shepherd mix. She is altered and 6 years old. "Addie" would make a fantastic pet and gets along with people and other animals. Her family is moving and can no longer keep her.



Courtesy photo

Ebony is a male domestic longhair cat. He is 10 months old and has been altered. Ebony was left at PetSmart. He is very loving and gets along with all cats — male and female.

- **Saturday:** Wild Wood Park, 536 E. 40th St., San Bernardino.

POPCO money

The county has made funds available to people living in unincorporated areas of San



Courtesy photo

Bullet is a male shepherd mix. He has been altered and is 8 months old. Bullet is bursting with energy and is so active that he will need training. He's a very loving and wonderful dog.

Bernardino County through the Pet Overpopulation Coalition. If you live in one of these areas, the coalition will provide a certificate for money toward spaying or neutering your pet. For more information, call POPCO at (877) 447-6726.

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811 5th St. for adoption, breed
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Home Only Adoption Fee
\$200 Ask for Sherry Call 951-
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AMERICAN BULLDOG pups, 7 M., 4 F., w/papers, born 3/6/05. Taking deposits, \$1,000 each. Call Ramon or Wendy (951) 609-4142 / (951) 471-3563

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AUSTRALIAN / BERNESE Min. Pups, blk/wht/tan, bob or longtail, shots, male. \$60-\$80 ** (951) 674-2156 **

AUSTRALIAN PUPS, ASCA, blue merles, blue eyes, black tris, shots, parents on site. \$350 & up = (951) 845-0911

AUSTRALIAN Shepherd Minis, 9wks, blues merle & black tris, registered, NAMA-SCUSA, \$600, 951-505-5117

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BASSET HOUND puppies, 8 wks, big feet, long ears, 2 males, 1 fem, shots & dewormed. \$300-\$350. 951/769-1774

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ENGLISH SPRINGER Spaniel Pups, AKC, Shots, wormed. \$450 ea. cash. Riverside 951 789-9852 or Cell 951-205-9292

FRENCH BULLDOGS, AKC, black brindle, European Ch. lines, health guar., males. \$1400/ea. = (909) 790-2042

GERMAN SHEPHERDS, Direct German Imports \$1500 + Blk/Reds (760) 578-0140

GERMAN SHEPHERD AKC Pups Solid black, 3 male, 2 female, 5wks, parents on prem., great bloodlines. \$1000. - \$1200. Call (951) 735-1265

GERMAN SHEPHERD, AKC, Pups, German lines, parents OFA, shots, family raised. \$600-\$800 (951) 273-9348

GERMAN SHEPHERD AKC, 8 weeks, blk/tan, blk/red, large boned, 1st shots, credit card OK. \$800/up. (951) 369-3958

GERMAN SHEPHERD AKC pups, 6wks, born 2/14. (4 ma. & 3 fem.) blk & tan. Parents on site. \$400-\$450. (951)-686-3546

GERMAN Shepherd / Husky Mix, born 02/04/05, ready 04/02/05, males \$100 females \$150. Taking Deposits. 909-888-3055

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GERMAN SHEPHERD pups AKC, 8wks, 5 males/4 fem., 5 rare jet-blk, 3 blk/tan. Home raised. Shots/wormed. Mom/Dad on site. 1 yr. guar. \$400. vvvvvv (951)-488-9533 vvvvvv

GERMAN SHEPHERD Pups & Young Adults \$300 & up. Credit card OK. Vet ✓ & dewormed. Work# (951) 634-6787

GERMAN SHEPHERD Pups, AKC. Beautiful Blk. & Tan. 2nd shots, 2 Fem. Mom/Dad on site \$400ea. Call (951) 212-1596

GERMAN SHEPHERD Pups by Import German parents, sch III/champ. line. Shots & wormed \$300/ea 951-858-2223

GERMAN SHEPHERD Puppies, Sable colored, friendly, working type. \$400.00. 951-776-4812/323-9516

GERMAN SHEPHERD pups, 6 wks, blk/tan & blk/red, lg. breed, 4 fem, parents on premises. \$400 ea. 951-333-7616

GERMAN SHEPPARD, AKC Pups, 7 weeks, black & tan, beautiful, parents on premises. \$400 each. Call: (951) 485-9097

GOLDEN RETRIEVER Pups, AKC/OFA, Champ lines, shots, wormed, family raised \$650ea. 951-657-5432 or 951-259-1731

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MALTESE Puppies, no AKC, purebred, female \$800, male \$700. (951) 378-1100

MALTESE PUPS AKC registered, 1st shots, vet ✓, adorable. Avail. for Easter. \$1000-\$1200. (909) 904-8014

MALTESE PUPS Male, 10wks v Adorable, purebred, 5/16lbs. when grown, dewormed \$650 each. Call 951-785-7104

MALTESE pups, purebred, 9 wks, tiny, shots/wormed, health guar. ma.\$895/ fem. \$995, cash. (951)-898-5735/ (951)-454-5735

MASTIFF AKC 1 Yr. male & 1 Yr. fem., fawn, exc. temper, all shots, sweet, moving, to gd homes \$800ea. (951) 928-7770

MASTIFF Pups, (Old English) 9 wks, AKC, champ. lines, parents on site, M/F, fawn, apricot, brindle, shots. \$1500-\$1600 Firm. Call (951) 265-8399.

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MINIATURE PINSCHER pups, black & tan, parents on site, shots, wormed, \$300, born 2-14, * 951/652-1289 *

MINIATURE PINSCHER, 8 weeks old. \$300.00 Temecula/Murrieta Area. = (951) 677-4379

MINIATURE POODLES 7 weeks. Females, \$234. Temecula CALL v v (951)-302-2559 v v

MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS AKC, males/females, lovable puppies. Will be ready for Easter. \$650-\$700. 951-485-1915

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER Male \$700.00. Champion lines, ** 1st shots & dewormed. ** (909) 463-9398 / (909) 856-9869

MINI-PINSCHER, 4 yrs, AKC reg., Male, Black & Rust, loving pet. Proven Stud. Moving. \$250.00, (951) 372-0629 after 5pm. or tv. msg. (951) 756-0107

PAPILLONS v v 2 Precious girls, 10 wks, CKC, black/white, shots, wormed. Sweet & Loving. \$850 ea. v 951-659-8835 v

PEEK-A-POO 11wks, shots, F, 12lbs. grown, non-shed. \$350.00 ** (909) 877-4180 **

Compare Rescue price of a dog or cat to private sellers. Five dollars fee is not much to ask for administration fee.

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ADOPT A PET

The animals are available through Yucalpa Animal Placement Society, known as YAPS. The adoption fee for dogs is \$90-\$200, and \$60 for cats, which includes spay/neuter fees and immunizations, except for the rabies vaccine. The shelter is at 11937 13th St., Yucalpa. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information, call (909) 790-1440 or visit www.yaps.org.

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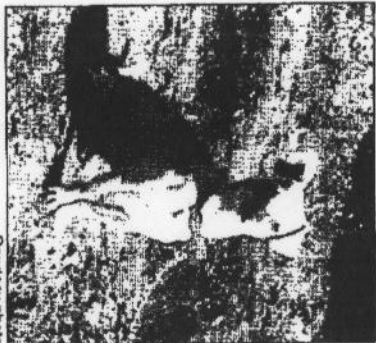
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Courtesy photo

Thomas is a 9-month-old neutered male American shorthair tabby. He is a sweet cat and would make a great pet. Thomas has two brothers and two sisters also living at the shelter.

- **Today:** Stater Bros., 3633 E. Highland Ave., Highland.
- **Thursday:** Visitor's Center, 18886 Valley Blvd., Bloomington.
- **Friday:** Wal-Mart, 1610 S. Riverside Ave., Rialto.



Courtesy photo

Cody is a 1½-year-old neutered male Chihuahua mix. He is a great little dog who would be a wonderful companion for an adult home.

- **Saturday:** Paws & Browse thrift store, 240 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino.

POPCO money

The county has made funds available to people living in unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County through the Pet



Courtesy photo

Blake is a 3½-year-old neutered male German shorthair pointer. He is a wonderful companion who loves long walks and cuddling on the couch.

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