

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PUBLIC COMMENT:

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During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, February 2, 2016, Joan Marie Patsy spoke regarding the negative effects of the mandatory rabies vaccine on animals.

**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH
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**AGENDA NO.
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February 2, 2016

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4080 LEMON STREET
RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

RE: RIVERSIDE COUNTY ORDINANCE TITLE 6. SECTION 6.08.020B
MANDATORY DOG LICENSE & RABIES VACCINATION

Dear Board of Supervisors:

This concerns the agonizing loss of my 80 lbs. German Shepherd dog that received the required rabies shot on December 19, 2015 and slowly deteriorated with muscular atrophy until death on January 3, 2016. My letter of January 20, 2016 is a more detailed summary. The incident was reported to the manufacturer, Boehringer Ingelheim on January 25, 2016. I will do a follow-up report to the USDA Center for Veterinary Biologics.

Herewith attached are the following:

1. My January 20, 2016 letter copy with photo copy of Shep;
2. 4 pages citing 13 SAFER WAYS TO VACCINATE YOUR DOG! (Natural Dogs Magazine)
Author, Jan Rassmussen;
3. January 20, 2016 PRESS ENTERPRISE news article re deadly adverse vaccination reaction cited as cause of death of a tiger cub under care of "Lions, Tigers & Bears, Big Cat & Exotic Animal Rescue," Alpine, CA 91901;
4. Copy of County of Riverside Department of Animal Services notification re mandatory rabies vaccination.

The purpose of this letter is to ask the following:

- 1) Allow Rabies Exemption Certificates for homebound dogs/cats;
- 2) Allow pet owners the right to assume all liability for such exemption;
- 3) Advise the public via your Notice of Vaccination to "CONSULT WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN CONCERNING POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTIONS TO RABIES VACCINATIONS." This is analogous to the more strict and required mandatory advisement from medical practitioners administering the flu vaccine to people;
- 4) Require veterinarians to provide pet owners with written notice of possible adverse reactions to injections such as when a person signs a release form for a flu vaccine injection.
- 5) Abolish vaccines containing Thimerosal (mercury) which have been linked to adverse reactions. My daughter's cat developed a tumor at the injection site – that required two subsequent surgeries, and the third year the cat had to be euthanized because my daughter did not want to have the leg amputated.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,


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Item oral
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County Bd.
Superior
2/2/2016

January 20, 2016

RE: RABIES & OTHER PET VACCINATIONS

Dear Assemblyman Mayes:

This is to address a horrible experience suffered by my 10-year old German Shepherd and myself that began shortly after I brought my dog to my trusted veterinarian for a required Riverside County rabies certificate to meet county dog licensing requirements.

On December 19, 2015, I brought my dog to the vet for the required shot. Shep seemed in good health, the shot was administered by two technicians who had to restrain him because he did not want that injection! In retrospect, I can understand why. Shortly thereafter, Shep's usual energetic nature changed to a lethargic disposition – he began sleeping more than usual.

On December 24, 2015, although he was well-trained, Shep emptied his bladder inside my home which was highly unusual. Then on December 31, 2015, as I was observing Shep walk across the room inside my home, I was astonished to see Shep's legs give out from under him. He weighed 80 lbs. and I stayed with him hoping he would get up – he did and wobbled into the hall of my home where he again collapsed. I stayed with him all night, and the following a.m. he was able to stand and walk outside the home. I kept hoping that this was a temporary affliction and Shep would regain his strength as he was eating. On January 2, 2016, Shep again collapsed and I called my vet who had abbreviated Saturday business hours – so I advised the veterinarian that I would bring Shep in on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016. It was to be Shep's final visit to the vet and I suffered through the euthanasia – I had my dog under sedation before the procedure and Shep went peacefully.

This deeply agonizing experience led me to research if rabies injections could cause any post injection problems. I was aghast that rabies injections and other vaccinations are not the "safe" procedure that the public is led to believe – my resource is www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com, an article ~~X~~ authored by Jan Rasmussen. I shared this with my veterinarian and was advised that there is an EXEMPTION for the injection if the pet (cat or dog) has leukemia which was not the case.

I shared the results of my research with approximately a dozen friends, and here is the feedback: 1) "My cat almost died from her vaccinations and each time she is vaccinated she has to ALSO have a steroid injection;" 2) "My sister's dog gets very ill after injections and vomits – he has to have several injections in lieu of only one."

The above feedback shows that of a dozen people, 2 have experienced adverse pet vaccination effects, and mine being the 3rd that is a 25% incidence!!!! Lord only knows how much harm is being caused by these vaccinations!

WHAT I AM ASKING: Please implement legislation

- 1) To allow pet owners the right to request an exemption for specifically the rabies injection;
- 2) To allow pet owners the right to assume all liability for such exemption;
- 3) To require veterinarians to provide pet owners with written notice of adverse reactions to injections such as when a person signs a form to have a flu vaccine injection.

Of course, I am reporting the incident to ~~FDA~~ USDA CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS and providing data on the rabies vaccine manufactured by Boehringer Ingelheim, Rabie Vaccine Serial (Lot) #12154001. Their phone # is 1-866-638-2226, ~~but they haven't returned my phone calls.~~ BOEHRINGER CASE #

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Tiger rescued near Hemet dies at refuge

He might have suffered an allergic reaction after surgery.

BY CRAIG SHULTZ
STAFF WRITER

A tiger cub that was found wandering Hemet-area streets in September has died, according to the San Diego County animal sanctuary where he was receiving care.

"It is with a heavy heart and incredible sadness that we must share with you the news

that Himmel, the young 6-month-old tiger cub, has tragically passed away," Lions, Tigers & Bears refuge announced in a statement.

The Bengal-Siberian cub died after routine surgery, the Alpine facility said.

The mystery of how the cub ended up on the streets, much less in the San Jacinto Valley, is unsolved. A woman on Sept. 3 turned the malnourished, declawed tiger in to the Ramona Humane Society, which turned him over to the



FRANK BELLINO, FILE PHOTO

The cub, named Himmel, died just after undergoing surgery and receiving vaccinations.

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California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

He eventually landed at the sanctuary and was named Himmel, after a late San Diego newscaster and sanctuary supporter, following an online contest.

Employees at the Ramona Humane Society had followed the cub's exploits, CEO Jeff Sheppard said.

"The whole staff was devastated today when they heard the news," Sheppard said Tuesday afternoon. "It just shows anything can happen with surgery. We're very grateful (Lions, Tigers & Bears) took such good care of him."

The sanctuary's founder, Bobbi Brink, said Himmel's death has hit the facility hard.

"It's pretty sad around here," she said Tuesday.

Himmel underwent a routine veterinary procedure late last week to be neutered and repair a hernia, the sanctuary said in the statement.

While the tiger was knocked out, veterinarians also gave him required vaccinations.

"The surgery went well and was uneventful. As Himmel was transitioning into surgical recovery, he suffered profound respiratory failure and collapse," the statement said. "Despite the best resuscitation efforts of the veterinary team and animal care staff, Himmel did not recover."

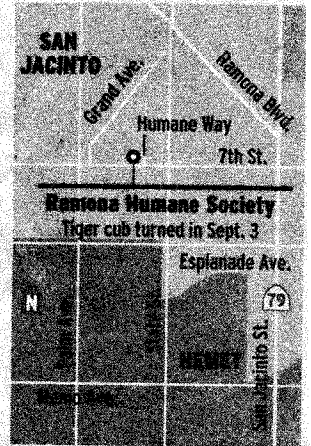
The most likely cause of the problem was a severe allergic reaction, which occurred in response to one of the injections Himmel was given at the end of his surgery, Dr. Jane Meier, the facility's lead veterinarian, said in the statement.

Despite a rough start, Himmel appeared on the road to recovery, the sanctuary said.

Tiger cub dies in Alpine animal care center



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"Even after the cruelty that he was forced to endure - born in captivity, ripped away from his mother and siblings, declawed and left to fend for himself on the streets, this cub was a happy-go-lucky tiger that would shine a light on everyone's day," the statement read. "Chock full of personality, and blessed with the coordination of two left feet, Himmel could always bring a smile to your face with his contagious pure bliss attitude on life."

The sanctuary said Himmel's story indicates why exotic animals should not be removed from their habitat.

"Himmel's passing is not only a blow to our sanctuary team, but one of the tragic consequences that stem from the indiscriminate captive breeding of exotic animals," the statement said.


 RABIES VACCINE

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Ways to

VACCINATE

your dog!

Animal Control sends a notice stating that your dog's rabies vaccination is due.

Some of us will vaccinate readily.

Because it's legally mandated, it must be safe, right? Besides, what choice do we have?

Others of us panic, desperate to avoid the shot at any cost. We remember what happened the last time our dog had a rabies vaccination. We wonder, will our dog survive another?

World renowned pet vaccination scientist, Dr Jean Dodds, wrote recently: "Rabies vaccines are the most common group of biological products identified in adverse event reports received by the USDA's Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB)."

An adverse reaction to a rabies vaccine may exact a high price – to your dog's health and *your* wallet. Here's what you need to know to make vaccinating your dog safer:

1. Learn to recognize adverse reactions

Short-term reactions include vomiting, facial swelling, fever, lethargy, circulatory shock, loss of consciousness and even death. (If your pet appears distressed, contact your vet immediately.)

Reactions occurring days or months after vaccination can be difficult to recognize. They include:

- Fibrosarcomas (cancer) at the injection site
- Seizures and epilepsy

- Autoimmune disease
- Chronic digestive problems
- Allergies
- Skin diseases
- Muscle weakness or atrophy
- Pica (eating inappropriate materials, including feces)
- Behavioral changes (aggression, separation anxiety, compulsive behaviors and more)

If you suspect a health or behavior problem may be connected to a vaccine, you may have to convince your vet. It's common to hear "it couldn't be the shot" or "a reaction like that is impossible." Even the drug's manufacturer (to whom you should immediately report the reaction — giving them the brand and lot# — may deny the connection. Insist on seeing the product's package insert, viewable on-line or from your vet. Also know that long-term reactions aren't usually documented or even studied. **Note: a vaccine reaction, especially one supported by your vet, may entitle you to compensation for medical expenses from the drug manufacturer.**

2. Vaccinate healthy dogs only

Vaccinating an unhealthy animal can exacerbate illness and do irreparable harm. Also, immunity may not develop after vaccination because of the dog's compromised immune system. This is especially dangerous as you may presume immunity that does not exist. Pets with autoimmune disease or cancer are obviously "not healthy," but neither are pets suffering from stress from a move or surgery, a virus or infection, or allergies or skin problems or any other condition compromising health. (Never allow your pet to be vaccinated during surgery.)

3. Ask for a rabies vaccination exemption

If your dog has documented health problems, ask your vet to apply for a rabies vaccination extension or exemption. Many localities permit them even if state law doesn't specifically allow them. If your vet won't apply for an exemption, go elsewhere. You may want to contact a holistic vet who may better understand the dangers of vaccinating an unhealthy animal. If local law forbids exemptions, change the law. Numerous states are in the process of adding exemptions to their laws. Click this link to check your state's rabies law and pending exemptions.

4. Don't vaccinate against rabies within three weeks of other vaccinations or medication for parasites

Multiple vaccines given at once greatly increase the chance of reactions. Multiple vaccines are

especially risky for small dogs.

5. Make sure your dog gets the correct vaccine

If you're vaccinating a puppy, make sure your vet administers a one-year vaccine initially (as late as legally possible) and a three-year vaccine (or whatever is required in your area) thereafter. The one-year and three-year vaccines are virtually identical medically – but not under the law. A one-year shot must be followed by re-vaccination a year later. Note: the one-year shot is not safer than the three-year (except that it may contain fewer adjuvants).

6. Vaccinate at the safest time

Vaccinate in the morning, early in the week, and don't leave the area for at least an hour if possible. Watch for reactions for at least the next 48 hours. Reactions occurring when the closest vet's office is closed can prove disastrous, even fatal.

7. Tell your vet you want a Thimerosal-free vaccine

Thimerosal (mercury) in vaccines has been linked to adverse reactions. Merial, for one, makes one- and three-year thimerosal-free rabies vaccines: IMRAB® 1 TF and IMRAB® 3 TF. Make sure you see "TF" on the label. (If your vet doesn't carry the vaccine, you may have to vet shop to find the vaccine you want. You might also ask why the vet why he/she doesn't carry it.)

8. Find a vet trained in homeopathy to vaccinate your dog

Certain homeopathic remedies given before, during and after vaccinating can lessen the chance of ill effects from vaccination. Click the link to find vet referral lists.

9. Report all vaccine reactions to your vet

...and make sure they're recorded in your pet's file. Have the vet sign relevant pages, get copies and put them in a safe place. (Vets lose records, retire and move away.) Also report the reaction to the drug's manufacturer. (You'll need the vaccine lot number.) Vets are notoriously bad at reporting reactions, but exemptions to rabies vaccination and drug safety require documentation.

10. Don't vaccinate within a week of travel

Pets experiencing reactions on route can die for lack of immediate medical assistance. (Find a

list of emergency clinics by area at <http://www.vetsnearyou.com/ml2/?v=352875029&u=0880F1AAC5EF9BA40210818080F807184B&gclid=CKOmmcXvm6QCFQY-bAodawLaEg> (I cannot guarantee the clinics' expertise, but at least this is a place to start.)

11. Keep copies of vaccination records and titer tests in your car

.. and license tags on your dog's collar or harness. Otherwise, you may be forced to re-vaccinate if your pet bites someone, runs away and is taken to a shelter or if you have to board your pet unexpectedly.

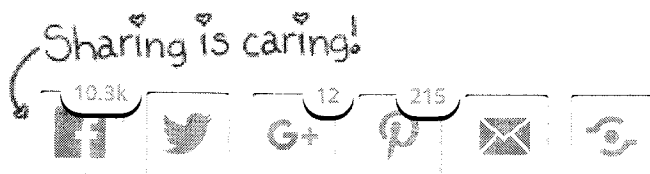
12. Do not administer a rabies vaccine yourself

It will not satisfy legal requirements and you'll have to have a vet vaccinate again. You will also be unprepared to deal with a potentially life-threatening reaction. Similarly, a vet's office may likely be a safer place to get the vaccine than a mobile clinic.

13. Finally, support the Rabies Challenge Fund.

World renowned scientists, W Jean Dodds DVM and Ronald D Schultz PhD are working as volunteers to increase the interval between rabies boosters by proving that the vaccine gives immunity, first, for five years, and then for seven years. They're also working to establish a blood "titer standard" to provide a scientific basis to avoid unnecessary boosters with a simple blood test. This nonprofit group is supported solely by dog lovers and dog groups.

Before the next notice from Animal Control arrives, do your homework. A little time spent learning about the rabies vaccine can mean the difference between your dog's wellness and serious illness.



About Jan Rasmusen



**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES
INCOMPLETE (PENDING) PET LICENSE NOTIFICATION**

Ordinances:

Pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance Title 6, Section 6.08.020A, Mandatory Dog License, it shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor or keep any dog, four (4) months of age or older, within the unincorporated area of the County of Riverside, for a period longer than thirty (30) days, unless a currently valid license tag has been issued by the Director or any agency authorized by the County of Riverside for such purpose and said tag is displayed upon the dog's collar pursuant to Section 30951 (b) of the California Food and Agriculture Code.

Pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance Title 6, Section 6.08.020B, Mandatory Dog License and Rabies Vaccination, it shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor or keep any dog, four (4) months of age or older, within the unincorporated area of the County of Riverside, for a period longer than thirty (30) days, which has not been vaccinated against rabies.

Pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance Title 6, Section 6.08.130, Mandatory microchipping of dogs and cats All dogs and cats over the age of four months must be implanted with an identifying microchip.

Pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance Title 6, Section 6.08.120, Mandatory Spaying and Neutering. No person may own, keep, or harbor an unaltered or unspayed dog or cat in violation of this Section. An owner or custodian of an unaltered dog must have the dog spayed or neutered, or provide a certificate of sterility. An owner or custodian of an unaltered cat must have the cat spayed or neutered, or provide a certificate of sterility.

LOW-COST PET VACCINATION & MICROCHIP CLINICS

1st WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 6:00 pm-8:00 pm (except on Holidays)
3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 10:00 am-1:00 pm (except on Holidays)
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY/CITY ANIMAL SHELTER, 6851 Van Buren Blvd, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Pet owners must be in line before 8:00pm on Wednesday Clinic and 1:00 pm on Saturday shot clinic in order to participate

- Pet owners must be at least 18 years of age to participate
- All pets must be on leashes or in carriers • Only healthy animals will be vaccinated
- It is helpful to bring records such as a license renewal notice, citation, prior Rabies Certificate, vaccine record, Spay/Neuter Certificate and/or collar license ID tag • Licensing is available at clinics - Proof of ID is required
- Checks/Cash/Credit Cards accepted for Licensing, vaccines & microchips.

Administrative Citations

Administrative citations may be issued in lieu of a criminal citation depending on the circumstances. Any person violating any provision of the Riverside County Ordinance or applicable State Code may be issued an administrative citation. Each and every day that a violation occurs constitutes a separate and distinct offense.

If it is determined that compliance has not been reached, an administrative citation may be issued. Initial Administrative citations carry fines of \$100 for each violation; if a second citation is issued within one year, for the same offense the fine increases to \$200 per violation; third and subsequent violations within one year are fined at \$500 per violation.

Correctable violations such as Failure to License, Failure to rabies vaccinate, Failure to microchip, and Failure to spay or neuter, can be cleared if proof of compliance is provided within the correctable period indicated on the citation.

Pay Your Administrative Citation

The failure to pay the fees or fines assessed within the time specified or non-compliance of all or some violations is referred to a collection agency (for example, Franchise Tax Board). Any unpaid fees or fines will be assigned to a collection agency approximately 20 days for County (30 days for City of Riverside) after that time. a \$19 (\$21 for City of Riverside) will be

Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject
to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: JOAN MARIE PATSKY

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(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: BEAUMONT Zip: 92223

Phone #: 951-452-3747

Date: FEB. 2, 2016 Agenda # N/A

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

Support Oppose Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed
for "Appeal", please state separately your position on
the appeal below:

Support Oppose Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: ORDINANCE RE
MANDATORY RABIES
VACCINATION
(TITLE 6 SECTION 6.08.020B)

BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please insure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. **Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.**

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.