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- a. Book presented to Mayor/Council Office by recognition recipient Larry Crayson entitled "Ready-to-Tell Tales" by David Holt and Bill Mooney.

**Item #11: Animal Care Services Ordinance**

- a. Statistical data on animal euthanasia at city and county shelters from Patricia Burnham with the Dog Writer's Association of America.
- b. Data on animal overpopulation from the Coalition to Stop Animal Overpopulation.

**Item #17: 500 Capitol Mall Project**

- a. Letter of support for the project from Jody Jones the Caltrans District 3 Director of the State Department of Transportation.



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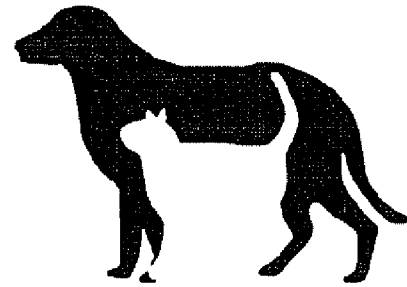
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**COALITION TO STOP ANIMAL OVERPOPULATION**

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February 27, 2007

Mayor Heather Fargo and Sacramento City Council Members  
City of Sacramento  
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Dear Mayor Fargo and City Council Members,

We respectfully request that you support the proposed Animal Overpopulation Ordinance which is before you today as a series of ordinances amending the City Code for Animal Services. The general concept of these ordinances was drafted by the Coalition to Stop Animal Overpopulation, a coalition of individuals representing Sacramento's city and county animal control agencies, Sacramento SPCA, national animal protection groups, local cat and dog rescuers, and veterinarians to help humanely control the population of cats and dogs in Sacramento. As you are aware, nearly 20,000 cats and dogs are destroyed in Sacramento area animal shelters each year because there are not enough good homes for each who needs one.

The proposed ordinances require a higher licensing fee for all unaltered cats and dogs, with exceptions for dogs used as guide dogs or by law enforcement officers or for animals who receive a medical waiver from a veterinarian. (A provision is also made for a reduced unaltered fee for cats and dogs who are participating in breed club events and meet certain criteria.) Our goal with the higher unaltered licensing fees is to reduce the number of unsterilized animals in the city, especially the animals who are used by 'backyard breeders' to generate income without regard for the health of the animals used for breeding, hereditary disease, or saturation of particular breeds in our shelters.

Currently, licensing is required by the city for dogs at 4 months of age and there is a voluntary licensing program for cats. The proposed ordinances seek to raise the fees for dog licensing to \$15 for an altered dog and \$150 for an unaltered dog. Cat licensing would become mandatory and fees would be \$10 for an altered cat and \$75 for an unaltered cat. The higher fees for unsterilized animals are used as an incentive for getting the animal sterilized.

In addition to the higher licensing fees, the license number will be required in order to advertise an animal for sale within the city. Currently, hundreds of animals, mostly puppies, are listed for sale each day in local newspapers. Many of these are large breed dogs, ones who are typically very hard to place and who make up 40 percent or more of the breeds impounded in area shelters.

The penalty for not licensing is proposed at \$300 for the first offense and \$500 for the second offense, with two weeks notice to comply. The penalty will be waived if the animal is sterilized and licensed within the two-week time frame. If compliance does not occur, at least

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50 percent of the fee will be placed in a spay and neuter fund to be used to assist low-income individuals who cannot afford to have their animal sterilized.

The ordinance proposes stiff penalties for not licensing cats and dogs for several reasons: The penalty must be high enough to encourage a person to sterilize their animal; backyard breeders are making significant income from unlicensed animals, thus contributing to animal control expenses; and, the fees generated from fines will also assist with enforcement of the ordinance.

We realize that there is not a 'fix-all' solution to cat and dog overpopulation. Public education about the need for spaying and neutering has been ongoing for years with incremental success. Therefore, we firmly believe that it is necessary to take a stronger stand against using killing as the method of choice for controlling populations of animals.

Because Sacramento is the capital of our state, we believe it should be the model for animal control policy. We thank you for your concern for the well-being of Sacramento's cats and dogs and urge you to support the Animal Overpopulation Ordinance.

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Stop Animal Overpopulation  
and the following supporting organizations and individuals

A New Hope Animal Foundation	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
Action for Animals	Performing Animal Welfare Society
Actors and Others for Animals	Pit Bull Rescue Central
All Star Dog Training	Placer SPCA
American Humane Association	Puppy Love Rescue
Animal Legal Defense Fund	Gayle Rodich, Labrador retriever rescue
Animal Legislative Action Network	Reigning Cats and Dogs
Animal Place	Sacramento Area Animal Coalition
Animal Protection Institute	Sacramento SPCA
Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights	Senator Jackie Speier
California Animal Control Director's Association	Sisters Animal Sanctuary
California Lobby for Animal Welfare	State Humane Association of California
City of Sacramento Animal Care Services	Teaching Everyone Animals Matter
Classic Kennels (Cocker Spaniel rescue)	United Animal Nations
Common Sense Dog Training	VIVA! USA
The Coalition for Cats and Dogs	Welfare of Our Furry Friends
Claire Dobransky, Dalmation rescuer	
Doris Day Animal League	
Julie Duarte, German Shorthaired Pointer rescuer	
Farm Sanctuary	
Folsom Feline Rescue	
Friends for Life	
Grace Foundation	
Happy Tails	
Humane Society of the United States	
In Defense of Animals	
Joleen Ladyman, Doberman Pinscher rescuer	
Last Chance for Animals	
Marin Humane Society	

Dear Mayor Heather Fargo and Council Members

In order to reduce the number of euthanasias at the city and county shelters, first we have to know what they are killing and why. Yesterday we finally received the figures for the County Shelter as to their statistics. (I will list them below.) They show that by far the majority of the animals being euthanized are not adoptable animals and that the proposed ordinance will not reduce their numbers. I would like now to request that the City shelter provide the following annual statistics for 2005 and 2006. .

Total cats euthanized:  
Cats Euthanized as Feral:  
Cats Euthanized as unweaned:  
Cats Euthanized as frightened and unsocial.  
Cats Euthanized due to medical condition

Total dogs euthanized:  
Dogs Euthanized due to behavior history:  
Dogs Euthanized due to behavior testing  
Dogs Euthanized due to medical condition or age  
Euthanized dogs that are Pit Bulls:

The number of pet animals euthanized other than dogs and cats.

Since we don't have the City statistics yet, you might be interested in the County Statistics for 2006. These statistics show plainly that the majority of the pets being euthanized at the County shelter are in fact not adoptable animals

Total cats euthanized:	6,057
Euthanized as Feral:	905
Euthanized as unweaned:	1,266
Euthanized as frightened and unsocial	732
Euthanized due to medical condition*:	2,785

\*(Cats that displayed illness during their hold time and would be contagious to the population.)

Total dogs euthanized:	2,512
Euthanized due to behavior history:	195
Euthanized due to behavior testing:	1,614
Euthanized due to medical condition or age:	578

Euthanized dogs that are Pit Bulls:\* 899

\*The dogs are not euthanized because they are Pit Bulls but are included in the above classification.

The Shelter also euthanized 59 rabbits and 99 other small animals such as rats, hamsters and guinea pigs.

Please do not pass this ordinance. It is being sponsored by animal rights extremists who know perfectly well that the majority of the animals being killed at our shelters are not adoptable animals. The ordinance will do nothing to end the problem of contagious diseases at our shelters which make animals unadoptable. It will not end the dumping of vicious dogs and unsocialized cats at our shelters. What it will do is authorize animal control to persecute responsible pet breeders who are producing dogs with good temperaments that don't wind up at the shelters. A 500% increase in license fees amounts to a confiscatory tax on pets in this county.

By the way, licensing cats has been a failure at the County where fewer than 2% of the cats are licensed. We are recommending that the County eliminate licensing for cats as a way to encourage owners to utilize low cost spay services. It doesn't help to have low cost spay services if you are then charging a substantial license fee. Faced with a double fee, cat owners with limited incomes will neither license nor spay their cats, and unsprayed free roaming cats produce the kittens that make up three quarters of the animals being euthanized at the County shelter.

Sincerely,

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February 27, 2007

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City of Sacramento  
915 I Street  
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Dear Mayor Fargo and Council Members:

Good evening Mayor Fargo and council members. My name is Jody Jones. I am the Caltrans District 3 Director and my address is 703 B Street in Marysville.

I am very happy to be here tonight to report that Caltrans and the City of Sacramento have reached an agreement with regard to the 500 Capitol Mall project. We are very encouraged that the City has acknowledged its lead agency responsibilities to address potential significant impacts to traffic including on the State Highway System that may result from City-approved projects.

This acknowledgement is very important to the future quality of life for citizens of both the City and the Region. The City of Sacramento is more dependent on the State highway network for all types of travel than most cities its size. Interstate 5 provides the primary access to Downtown business and government centers and is the only direct linkage between the rapid growth areas of the City in Natomas and the job centers south of the American River.

Recent traffic studies indicate that only a small percentage of the traffic on Interstate 5 in Downtown Sacramento is through traffic. In fact, approximately 50 percent of the traffic crossing the American River Bridge on Interstate 5 is just going back and forth between Downtown and Natomas. Interstate 5 is already at capacity; so it is imperative that the City and Caltrans work together to address the potential significant impacts from large-scale development plans in the City.

I want to dispel the misconception that Caltrans opposes Downtown development. Quite the contrary, we are very excited about the prospects and visions for the City. Now that the City has committed to work in good faith with Caltrans and our other regional partners to provide feasible mitigation measures to address impacts to the State Highway



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System, we are hopeful that the City's visions can be fulfilled and that together we can maintain mobility on the State Highways.

When Caltrans appeared before the Planning Commission, we emphasized that we were having productive discussions with the City. We are happy to report tonight that those discussions were successful. We have withdrawn our appeal and look forward to working with the City to ensure that future development proposals move forward at the same time that impacts to traffic are addressed.

Sincerely,



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