

Animal Shelter Status Report

November 30,2006

Field Service Activities

Changes to ACO Duty Belts

The changes to ACO duty belts was completed on 11/17/06 in Auburn and 11/20/06 in Tahoe. Handguns and handcuffs have been collected and long gun, .22 cal rifles and 12-gauge shotguns, issued to all ten Officers. New guns safes have been located at the Auburn shelter and locking gun racks installed in all ACO trucks.

ACO Training

We are providing all ACO's with ASP Baton/Bite Stick Certification and Training on December 15th, 2006, in Sacramento. The training is sponsored by the California Animal Control Directors Association. The class will be a one-day training and certification structured for animal control personnel.

ACO Employee Changes

Former probationary ACO Christina Dominguez has taken an Admin. Clerical position in the front office and Extra Help ACO Steve McNally has moved into the permanent ACO position. Both employees will be an asset to the shelter in their new positions.

Animal Neglect Case

On November 9th, ACO's impounded a 26-year old Arab mare as a result of an animal neglect complaint. The horse registered 1 on a fitness scale of 1 to 10. It was approximately 200 lbs underweight and could only stand for short periods of time. "Hope," a name the staff have given to the horse, has gained over 100 lbs and is now able to stand without support straps-with just 18 days of care.

Animal Shelter Activities

Shelter Alarm System

The shelter alarm system has been updated and new alarms added to the main shelter building, ACO trailer, Animal Care trailer and the Vet trailer. The upgrades and increased monitoring will have minimal impact on the shelter budget.

Barn Project Going Forward

A permit is scheduled to be issued for the new Auburn barn on 12/11 and the foundation completed by 12/27/06. We are looking at a possible completion date of January 26, 2007. It will be a 36' x 36', six stall, metal frame barn.

Shelter Vet

The shelter has reached tentative agreement with a local veterinarian to provide contract veterinary services to the shelter and, ultimately, in-house spay and neuter surgeries utilizing our existing staff and vet trailer. The vet, Dr. Roberta Peterson, has done part-time and relief work for many of the local nonprofits as well as Sacramento County Animal Control.