

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS\***

**KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

**Kern County Administrative Building**  
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multipurpose Room

August 17th, 2022– 6:00p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.  
Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson  
Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson  
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner  
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner  
Mr. Sannappa - Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Couch – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services  
Jeremy McNutt- Deputy County Counsel, Kern County  
Amber Chrissakis - Volunteer OSS, Kern County Animal Services

*[When names appear in parenthesis, the motion initiating action on the agenda item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]*

**B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

1. June 15th, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - (Taggart/Sannappa) - All in favor

### **C. CONSENT AGENDA:**

These agenda items before the Animal Services Commission (Commission) may be acted upon with one motion if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions.

#### **1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and file**

- a. Email received 06/17/22 from Susan Dawson concerning cat ownership.
- b. Email received 06/22/22 from Madison Cowan concerning how she obtains documentation on a dog she adopted.
- c. Email received 07/09/22 from James Manion concerning a dog complaint.
- d. Email received 07/11/22 from Jorge Medina concerning a deceased cat on his property.
- e. Email received 07/11/22 from James Manion requesting that the department disregard his email complaint on 07/09/22.

Motion to receive and file - *(Taggart/Geary)* - All in favor

### **D. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. Also, the Commission may act to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES.**

Heard from Judy Coffman concerning dog breeding.

Heard from Susie Harris concerning public education for the foster program and high school student volunteers to help post shelter dogs on social media.

Heard from Yesenia Hernandez concerning translating all shelter documents, advertisements, and public service announcements to Spanish.

Heard from Melissa Hutton concerning the over population of dogs.

Heard from Sheryl Doeckel concerning the living conditions of the shelter dogs.

Heard from Danny Litterel concerning public education on resources available to reduce the over population of animals.

Heard from Priscilla Cervantez concerning a specific dog she found and attempted to rescue.

#### **E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

##### 1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the department's current events and statistics from the Director's report. Director Cullen answers questions from the public regarding things discussed during this agenda item.

Motion to Receive and file (*Sannappa/Christopher*) - All in favor

#### **F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa concerning lobbying elected officials.

Heard from Commissioner Geary concerning shelter staff.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning TNR with Critters Without Litters.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning Petco adoptions.

##### 1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

NONE

**G. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

NONE

3. STATUS ON ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVISIONS

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning steps made towards revising the suggested ordinance changes.

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**


Motion to adjourn (*Sannappa/Geary*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

September 21st, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Gary Blackburn  
Chairperson

*\*A full recording of the proceedings, which constitute the official record of the Animal Services Commission's meetings, can be heard at: <https://www.kerncountyanimalservices.org/who-we-are/animal-services-commission/>*