

**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

June 21st, 2023 – 6:00p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.  
Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Excused:

Ms. Taggart - Commissioner  
Mr. Couch – Supervisor

Staff Present:

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

*[item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]*

**B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

1. May 17th, 2023 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Geary/Christopher)* - 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 from Christine Taylor 5/23/23 regarding redemption of her animal.
  - b. Email received from Gary Gregory 5/16/23 advising of an injured animal that had just been struck by a vehicle.
  - c. Email received from Louis Dalessandro 5/29/23 stating his opposition to the ordinance being considered.
  - d. Email received from Sue Maranto 6/14/23 regarding her opposition to a mandatory spay and neuter ordinance.
  - e. Email received from Juana Armenta 6/4/23 regarding her need for spay and neuter of her cats.
  - f. Letter received from Terry Toussaint 6/20/23 regarding opposition to a mandated spay and neuter ordinance.

Motion to receive and file - *(Geary/Christopher)* - 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 Anne McBride concerning an incentive reward program versus mandatory spay/neuter laws.

Sheryl Doeckel concerning the amount low cost spay/neuter vouchers available to county residents during their lifetime.

## **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.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning the save rate statistics in the Director's report.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning Petco partnerships and the amount of puppies the shelter is seeing.

Heard from an unidentified member of the public concerning backyard breeders and the amount of puppies in the community.

Heard from an unidentified member of the public concerning how the pandemic and lack of veterinary services available during the pandemic has affected the current number of puppies the shelter is seeing.

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

## **F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her TNR efforts.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning a meeting he had with his Supervisor.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS:**

### 1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

### 2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Heard from Joan Peyton concerning the emergency trailer delivery.

### 3. STATUS ON ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVISIONS

Heard from Bob Rollins-Smith concerning the language concerning the violations and penalties section of the revisions.

Heard from Kathy Parker concerning how a training club would fit into the CAF definition.

Heard from Joan Peyton concerning the language in the penalties section.

Motion to recommend the revisions of the Title 7 Kern County Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration and adoption (*Christopher/Geary*) - All in favor

### H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

Heard from County Counsel concerning the process by which the ordinance revisions will now follow.

### I. ADJOURNMENT:

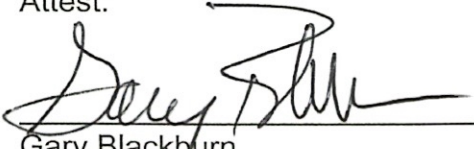
Motion to adjourn (*Geary/Christopher*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

July 19th, 2023  
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/>*