



HUMANE SOCIETY
STANISLAUS COUNTY
Building a Community with Compassion

September 13, 2021

Dear Loyal Members of the Humane Society of Stanislaus County (HSSC),

We hope that you and your families are doing well. We want to apologize for not reaching out sooner. Although we have been quiet since near the beginning of Covid, we want to assure you your Board of Directors are still here.

Recap of 2019/2020 Fiscal Year

During the 2019/2020 fiscal year, we had a lot of transitions including changes in Board of Directors, volunteers relocating, going from a heavy in the public eye animal rescue and adoption-based organization to a more silent community outreach focused organization. Before the pandemic hit, we were working on a spay and neuter voucher program, along with sponsoring other Stanislaus non-profit animal rescue and adoption organizations kitten spay/neuter. The pandemic brought on a lot of changes for our local Veterinarians as well, including making it nearly impossible to schedule spay/neuter appointments in a timely manner. We also had planned another free microchip date for Love Modesto, that eventually was rescheduled twice but we no longer had the ability in terms of location or volunteers. We looked forward to the next fiscal year with hopes to accomplish some of what we had previously planned.

Spay Neuter

So far, this 2020/2021 fiscal year, we have finally been able to get a few things a little settled which has allowed us to do some community outreach including in December assisting with other local organizations and people with a cat surgery and last month we have donated the allotted \$3,000 sponsorship that was planned for the Rescue Kitten Spay & Neuter Day the prior year to ASTRO Foundation's kitten spay/neuter fund at Turlock Spay and Neuter. There is still an additional \$6,000 flagged to go to assist with a community spay and neuters.

Donation

With only a few months remaining this year, in order to reduce expenses, we are in the process of clearing out the storage which is filled with crates, carriers, chairs, cubicles, etc. It is our goal to first donate items to other local animal welfare non-profits, other non-profits organizations such as Haven Women's Center-Stanislaus and other homeless shelters that allow pets. We anticipate that this will be one of the last tasks this board will be able to complete before the current Board's term is finished on September 30, 2021. If you know of a non-profit organization that could use some items, please let us know.



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Reorganization

Humane Society of Stanislaus County would like to amend its Bylaws because currently the by-laws require membership voting for:

- (a) Removal of a director;
- (b) Filling vacancies on the board;
- (c) Amending the articles of incorporation; or
- (d) Electing to wind up and dissolve the corporation.

Because of the loss of certain Board members, it would have been smoother over the last year to be able to replace the board members quickly as needed and continue with the flow of our work. In no way, are we attempting to abandon member involvement, because we need each of you. We will still send notices of all meetings, so that members may attend and provide input.

We also have to face the fact that once again another election year is upon us and by September 30, 2021 a new board according to the current HSSC Bylaws must be elected by the membership.

Jolene Medeiros, current President, is willing to stay on as President for another term.

Tamra Helton, current Treasurer, has moved out of Stanislaus County but works remotely for a Stanislaus County company. She is willing to stay on as Treasurer. Tamra would like to assist HSSC remotely so that it can develop a cloud based spay/neuter and microchip voucher programs for the Stanislaus community. She is also willing to continue with to doing the quarterly financials and tax returns.

Jolene and Tamra would like to see HSSC, if they continue with HSSC:

(1) Amend the mission statement that was written back in 2007 when the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency County shelter was lacking support. This is no longer the case; the need is now with the community to increase cat/dog spay/neuter to help prevent over population and increase microchips so that more animals can be reunited with their owners.

(2) Update the Bylaws to discontinue membership voting, to make is easier to add more Board members onto the nonprofit without the need to provide notice to our members and request voting.

Ideas of Board

The Board is looking forward to updating the HSSC website to be more community focused and user friendly, along with ability to support a web-based voucher system to collect payments and information so spay/neuter and microchip appointments can be prescheduled based on preset dates/times with Stanislaus Veterinarians.



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The Board would also like to create a working and updated recurring giving program for both individuals and businesses to build the spay/neuter and microchip fund.

We look forward to continuing with our focus on spay/neuter and microchipping Stanislaus companion cats/dogs.

We will be hosting our annual membership meeting Saturday, October 2nd at 9:30am via Zoom. Please join us per the information below:

URL:

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Meeting ID: 388 471 2242

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If you would like to be a Board Member, we are currently looking for all positions including President, Secretary, and Treasurer please let us know. You can contact Jolene Medeiros, President, at (209)595-6848 to provide your recommendation.

We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding the direction of HSSC for the coming up 2021/2022 fiscal year.

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Regards,
Jolene Medeiros
President