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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Animal Control and Welfare Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 6 District: 5

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I have been a resident of San Francisco for over 12 years. My professional work as an university professor focuses on culturally diverse older adults and reducing health disparities. I work closely with community stakeholders, and my community-based research aims to find innovative ways to improve the wellbeing of older adults in diverse neighborhoods across San Francisco (e.g., Mission, Richmond, Bayview, Marina, Western Addition, and Castro). My volunteer work focuses on the welfare of animals in San Francisco.

Business and/or professional experience:

My professional work as an university professor has provided a broad range of experiences that are useful for serving on the San Francisco Animal Control and Welfare Commission. I was a Fulbright Scholar in 2010 and am currently on the Fulbright Specialist Roster (2012-2017) to provide consultation to the international program. I am comfortable with considering different angles of issues and working with a diverse team of individuals. I am also skilled with researching issues with a critical eye and considering different angles of issues. As a professor, I have to communicate effectively and present information to both professionals and the lay public. As an advocate for culturally diverse older adults, I have to be compassionate and willing to listen to the experiences of others. My academic research involves partnerships with community stakeholders and advocates of older adults in San Francisco. I believe that improving the welfare of animals in San Francisco requires strong and effective relationships between animal advocates, business leaders, and community stakeholders.

Civic Activities:

I have been actively involved with animal advocacy in San Francisco for over 10 years, and my family shares our home with 3 beloved rescue cats. I am passionate about issues related to the welfare of shelter animals and their guardians in San Francisco. I have have volunteered at SF Animal Care and Control, the San Francisco SPCA, and Give Me Shelter Cat Rescue. I am also the co-founder of FixSanFrancisco, a grass-roots organization that advocates for using cost-effective ways to save all healthy and treatable shelter animals in San Francisco. FixSanFrancisco was founded on the belief that San Francisco can achieve a life saving model through active community involvement and culturally adapted outreach. I also volunteer with California Pets Alive, a state-wide coalition of shelter animal advocates working to improve the welfare of animals in California. I have an interest in human-animal relationships in vulnerable populations and am currently working on a project about the impact of animals for persons who are homeless. We are a city of animal lovers as evidenced by the number of pets residing in our community. Our city's pet guardians need a voice to offer suggestions and a forum to express concerns about ways we can improve the lives of not only the animals but also the lives of the guardians. Because of my career in science, I am able to consider multiple sides of an issue resulting in appropriate results oriented suggestions. I look forward to helping bring the animal welfare community closer together to make San Francisco a leader in animal welfare for the nation.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes No

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Date: 9/3/2014 Applicant's Signature: (required) Julene K Johnson

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Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Commission of Animal Control and Welfare

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Vacant seats 1 or 2 or 3 District:

Name: Amy Fuller

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I have lived in San Francisco for 2.5 years and am a young, female resident interested in the health of both our city's animals and occupants. Being an avid user of the Bay Area's outdoor spaces, I come across many animal-related issues on a weekly basis: dog regulations at parks and beaches, feral cats and rodents, pets on MUNI and BART, etc. By living in and visiting many neighborhoods throughout the area, I believe I am well-equipped to understand and provide solutions to local animal welfare issues.

Business and/or professional experience:

Previously, I worked at the largest animal shelter in Chicago (The Anti-Cruelty Society). My work included donor relations and development, communication with the public, and coordination with our investigation team. I managed public complaints about mistreatment of pets, rodent infestations, animal hoarding situations, and more. Our shelter also operated a low-cost spay/neuter clinic which served hundreds of low-income Chicago residents per month. Currently, I work as an Auditor at SCS Global Services, a third-party certification company. I assess products and manufacturing facilities against environmental and social standards, some of which focus on the humane treatment of animals in the apparel industry (ex. wool and angora). I also worked in the agriculture industry for both PepsiCo and Annie's and therefore have knowledge of animal husbandry practices.

Civic Activities:

My civic activities in San Francisco have been limited to environmental beautification in public spaces, though I also organized an employee volunteer event at Muttville. I have volunteered at animal shelters since high school (where I also shadowed a vet for a month as part of my senior project). I am getting married in August and finally feel settled in San Francisco, and would like to start giving back. Animal welfare has always been one of my passions and I would be thrilled to serve as a Commissioner on the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes No

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Date: 04/22/2014 Applicant's Signature: (required) Amy Fuller

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Commission on Animal Control

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 1, 2, 3 District: _____

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I am a pet owner in San Francisco that wants to keep humane conditions for animals, affordable veterinary care, & keep apartments from being well-cared for pets.

Business and/or professional experience:


I am a legal secretary so I have office experience. I have volunteered in the past for the SPCA, ARC & Zoological Society.

Civic Activities:

Volunteered for various animal causes like SPCA, ARC, Pit Bull Society, etc

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes No

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Date: 4/8/14 Applicant's Signature: (required) 

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Animal Control & Welfare

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Any + all District: _____

Name: James Yorek

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Home Phone: 415 Occupation: Animal Caretaker

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Business E-Mail: jyorek@astownis.net Home E-Mail: jyorek@

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Business and/or professional experience:

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Civic Activities:

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Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes No

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Date: 5/28/13 Applicant's Signature: (required) James P. Ford

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James Yorck

23rd St., San Francisco, CA 94107

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jyorck@astound.net

Objective

Seeking appointment to The San Francisco Animal Control & Welfare Commission.

Profile

Maintain Aviaries for Managed Care Facilities Self Employed, San Francisco, CA 2001 to present

Avian Boarding, Grooming, Consultation Self Employed, San Francisco, CA, 2001 to present

Spectrum Exotic Birds Owner/Chief Bottle Washer, Fillmore St., San Francisco, CA 1978 - 2000

Education

B.A. Upsala College East Orange, NJ 1975

Summary of Qualifications

Small Business Owner in San Francisco, Retail Store, 23 years

Resident of San Francisco, 36 years

Experience caring for exotic birds, 35 years

Working with the public regarding exotic birds, 35 years

Customer support with caring for their pet birds

Rehoming of pet birds – When I opened my store my first sale was a rehomed African Grey Parrot. He came with the name Moses. Moses led the way and over the years I became a major resource for finding new homes for pet birds within the city. For example from January to April 8th of this year I have rehomed 100 pet birds.

Membership / Affiliations

NFSS – National Finch and Softbill Society

AFOHG – American Federation of Human Gadflies, founder, chairman and sole member

DCCC – Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

2013/ Rules Committee/ My Objective

My name is Jamie Yorck and I want to thank you for considering me for the Animal Welfare & Control Commission. This is my third year to seek appointment to the Commission. I don't expect to ever be appointed to this Commission even though I'll keep applying. I do think by reapplying my voice might be heard by the Board of Supervisors. It's become clear to me that appointment is all about politics and the Commissioners are completely in control of who makes the team.

For example, last year at this Rules Committee meeting, one of the Supervisors retold a rumor that strongly indicated that my store had been investigated for animal cruelty. News to me! I left the meeting and went to ACC only to find out that my records had been hot reading for the day. I now have copies of my records which I'd be happy to show to any Supervisor who is interested and no, I never was investigated for animal cruelty.

For more than 35 years, I've lived and worked in San Francisco. From 1978 to the end of 2000, I owned a small exotic bird store on Fillmore Street. I think my experience in the pet business uniquely qualifies me with an expertise and a perspective that few others in this room have regarding pets and the rehoming of them.

In attempt to add another perspective to the viewpoints of the Commissioners, I regularly speak at the meetings and as, you'll learn, I'm passionate about finding practical solutions to how we can implement positive change. Last year and the year before, I presented to the Rules Committee a petition with over 300 signatures that both condemned the one-sidedness of the Animal Welfare Commission and also supported my appointment.

I began attending the commission meetings several years ago, when the Animal Welfare Commission was considering a ban on the sale of pets in San Francisco. A few months later the Commission was seriously deliberating upon another ban- the banning of the Blue Grass Festival from Golden Gate Park because it interfered with the feeding habits of the feral cat population. This definitely was more fun than the cooking channel; I was hooked! Ever since then, I have piously attended all except one of their meetings.

This Commission is supposed to be the eyes and ears of San Francisco and to serve the community. Unfortunately, the Commission is an exclusive club for paternalistic ideologues who refuse to work with people with differing view points.

Again, I don't expect to be appointed to the Commission because I'm not a representative of one of the various animal non profits. I'm not the politically correct choice for you, but isn't it time that the members of this Commission reflect the diversity of ideas which are so very present in our city. Isn't it time the Commission take an inclusive view to new ideas and new people and use all the

many options available to help rehome unwanted pets and find solutions to other animal related issues.

Thank you.

Addendum:

I would personally like to thank Ms. Rebecca Katz, the Director of the ACC, for her open mindedness to suggestions and ideas and her willingness to tackle projects in new and creative ways. In 2010 I and others told her and other rescues to lower their adoption fees so that they could stay competitive: she did!

Then we put forward the not so new idea that pet shops could be utilized by ACC and the SFASPCA to help in the rehoming of unwanted pets. Well there has been a long standing bias against working with pet shops (those with pets) held by the San Francisco animal activist. Ms Katz pursued a different tack; she enlisted the help of a small local pet supply chain which was deemed political correct to help in the rehoming of these pets. The result can be seen the next time you visit ACC, plenty of empty cages.

Animal Control and Welfare Commission: May 2013

My Parrot is a Vegan is your Dog One?

In the past few years there has been a great **nationwide outcry by environmentalists**- over the deaths of ½ million native birds caused by wind turbines within this country. Billions of dollars have been spent on trying to improve things. But if you compare morality rates of wind turbines versus cats: it's a ratio of 1 bird for renewable energy to 7000 birds for the feral cats' lunch. For me the most frightening thing of all was that there has been barely a peep media over the massacre.

I believe that this Commission's proposal to discourage humans from feeding wild animals on city land is a good and important one. I believe environmental problems trump the sometimes petty concerns of pet enthusiasts. I purposely brought up the topic of the feral cat dilemma again and again because if you don't deal with it within this Commission, there never will be any legislation.

By making the goals of this proposal modest it should be an easy slam dunk for the Board of Supervisors.

Nowadays, we shop with our own bags, we recycle our trash and we buy fuel efficient cars. If this proposal is passed by the Board of Supervisors, it will serve as another ecological statement. It sends a good message by reminding us, in yet another way that we should be more careful in what we do on our planet.

If this Commission recommends a reasonable ecological proposal it might also help to thaw its relations with the Board of Supervisors. In the recent past, the environmental record of this Commission has been lacking. For example, doggie walking versus the breeding grounds of the Snowy Plover; this Commission's ecological creditability can be viewed as to serve the little principalities within it self.

To be *A Progressive* means that sometimes we all have to give up a little something to move forward. Since 1997 there are 9 sanctioned feral cat feeding areas within Golden Gate Park. There are an additional 80 unsanctioned covert feeding sites. Do you think that it is possible to embrace the "Yes We Can" spirit? Can we show the nation tangible results of the Spray, Neuter and Release program? By voluntarily reducing the number the sanctioned feeding areas within Golden Gate Park, even by one, it will show the nation the beginning of success of one program and on the other hand solidarity with another important and progressive idea.

On occasion I do miss having my free paper bags but I know we are on a better path without them.

Animal Control and Welfare Commission: February 2013

February 4th article in The Chronicle; No. 1 Bird Killer is Outdoor Cats

“Wildlife experts were stunned by a new report last week that as many as 3.7 billion birds were killed by outdoor cats in the ... U.S. last year. That’s far more than the 1 billion that previously had been estimated and more than are killed by any other single source....” Looking at the data from Mother Jones Magazine, the other major causes of bird deaths are: flying into buildings and power lines also flying into communication and wind towers and death by pesticides. If you combine the totals of all these other factors you only get 1.3 billion in opposition to the 3.7 billion attributed to cats.

The Chronicle article goes on to “indicate that unowned cats are responsible for the vast majority of bird deaths- 70%. Yet policies in cities like San Francisco do little to address the gruesome toll of feral cats on wildlife.” Further on it says that “feeding and maintaining large feral cat populations may seem humane for cats- but it a death warrant for birds and other wildlife.”

All our Fluffys and Rovers can be considered as causing ecological damage. We **all** have to give something up to make things a little better for **the whole**.

Animal Control and Welfare Commission: March 2013

Again at the SFAWC meeting in March I hit home the point of this hypocrisy but in a different way. The particulars were the Animal Rights Naturalists big squawk over the deaths of ½ million native birds by wind turbines. Put in relationship to cats; 1 native bird sacrificed to provide us with clean energy versus 7,000 birds (not even a peep) in providing feral cats lunch; the whole argument is absurd!!!

Addendum:

Here in San Francisco it is not only that the cat people have weird ideas; the doggie activists have their own egocentric ecological eccentricities revolving around dog walking versus the breeding ground for a threatened bird species named the Snowy Plover. The doggie people won and the population of the Plover will diminish. These people only give lip service to the ecology.

Animal Control and Welfare Commission: January 2013

We live in the city named after Saint Francis with the ensuing myth of his great kindness and love of all animals. Unfortunately, in their zeal for a greater good, many of our home-grown Franciscan pet activists feel entitled to disregard some of the other biblical teachings.... especially the one about "Thou shall not bare false witness."

Front page October 2010 edition of the S.F. Weekly- "ACC rescues 35 cockatiels" the article stated that the birds were from an unknown source from within San Francisco and the onus was directed at our local pet stores. But just only a month before, at a meeting, a member of Mickaboo bird rescue stood up and bemoaned the fate of **exactly** 35 cockatiels but these birds were located in Lake County. Clearly these 35 cockatiels had been smuggled from Lake County to San Francisco County and clearly this was another attempt by our Evangelical pet activists to vilify our local stores. Commissioners Stephens, Gerrie and Hemphill attended this meeting and also present was Kat Brown*** the assistant director of ACC. Is there improper collusion to deceive the citizens of San Francisco between the rescues, the Commissioners and a rogue staff member of ACC?

How many pets per year are smuggled from outside of the city into ACC to inflate a crisis? Is it 35 or is it 350? I do support helping our neighbors but I do think that the people of this city deserve an honest accounting!

Is there any moral difference between manipulating an increase in the totals at ACC versus the recent manipulations by Republican officials to decrease voter participation, as in Ohio and Florida?

I don't understand; in terms of causes and ideals, this Commission holds the moral higher ground but in terms of action; they always stoop to the low road approach... This Commission is suppose to be the eyes and ears of San Francisco and to serve the community. Unfortunately, the present Commission is an exclusive little club of ideologues that are so dogmatic that they refuse to work with people with differing points of view.

October, 2012 Rules Committee

Priorities: During last year's Rules Committee Commissioner nominations, the Animal Welfare Commission had took up nearly 1 1/2 hrs. of the City's time while the Children and Families First Commission had only 1/2 hr... priorities?

In these dismal financial times I am bearing good news. 40 years ago 20,000,000 dogs and cats in shelters were euthanized every year in the United States. That worked out to 1 dog or cat that was put down yearly for every 10 humans. Our forefathers; the so called "greatest generation", were not so great when it came to Fluffy and Rover.

Nowadays, we should all take pride in the fact that nationally the annual shelter euthanasia rate has dropped to nearly 1 dog or cat per 100 humans and furthermore within the City of San Francisco we should celebrate the fact that there are only 1.2 deaths per 1,000 San Franciscans.

In 2009, New York's Mayor Bloomberg declared a victory over the unnecessary slaughter of adoptable dogs and cats. N.Y.C. government services were very effective in their efforts of rehoming by coordinating with the Animal Rescues and with the local Pet Stores throughout the 5 boroughs; thus reducing the number of needless euthanasia. By proclaiming a victory and embodying the "Yes We Can" spirit, New Yorkers were uplifted and reenergized; demonstrating that with time, effort and money almost anything can be fixed in this society of ours. Yes we can... make the world better!

On the other hand, starting in 2009, the San Francisco Animal Control Welfare Commission went negative. Citing an excessive euthanasia rate and overpopulation in our city's shelters and rescues they wanted to mandate a citywide ban of the sale of pets from pet stores. Unfortunately their premises were absolute fabrications. If one looks at ACC statistics for 2009 under the category of "available" meaning "adoptable without defect", not one dog or cat was euthanized. In fact for that year under the category of "available" the only pets euthanized in the City and County of San Francisco were 10 mice and 2 hamsters. As for overpopulation in our local shelters and rescues; if that is the case why is that Pets Unlimited and the SFSPCA are bussing in several thousand dogs and cats from the Central Valley or flying them in from Taiwan?

Don't get me wrong, I thoroughly support bringing in pets from other locals and rehoming here where we have the demand and resources. I think this program could be vastly expanded without spending another dime. Unfortunately, in the last 25 years, because of a "holier than thou" attitude and an uncompromising ideological agenda, animal rights activist refuse to work together with pet shops (those that sell live animals) or pet supply stores to create additional

opportunities to find homes for shelter animals. I'm familiar with a pet shop near Santa Rosa that works with the local Humane Society to rehome cats. The store averages 300 cat adoptions a year. The Basic Bird pet store in Berkeley rehomes (in house) 75 cats a year and also frequently sponsors a rescue group which displays cats for adoption in front of its store on weekends.

With some prodding over the last two years, I'm finally starting to see a slight change in attitude from the ACC and ASPCA but we still aren't utilizing one of our very best avenues for pet adoption. Just think of how many more pets could be rehomed in San Francisco if pet shops and pet supply stores would be allowed to fully participate.

I've been going to the meetings of the Animal Welfare Commission for the past two years. Originally I began attending because of the pet ban consideration. I was amazed that in our incredibly creative, fair and open city that this was the best solution that they could dig up. I have continued to attend because I think a different voice should be heard other than the "fringe" and a commission that is stuck on one note. What has struck me most about the present commission is how suffocating ideologically oriented they are; completely closed to practical or new ideas in resolving issues. I feel that with my voice added to the Animal Welfare Commission there could be a more pragmatic approach in dealing with the future.

4/8/12 SPCA Statistics should be in Pinocchio's Doghouse!

I was very impressed with the size and scope of the survey conducted by Dr. Scarlett and the SFSPCA. Getting 426 San Franciscans to respond to a phone survey must have meant thousands of calls and hundreds of people-hours of work. What I found of particular interest was the great disparity between the National Statistics and the San Francisco SPCA survey in nearly every category of question. For example, San Franciscans acquire dogs from shelters 3 times higher than the national average.

As I said, all of Dr. Scarlett's categories showed significant difference between National and Local statistics. All categories except for the category called "Acquisition of Dogs from Pet Stores". Nationally that total is 7% and the SFSPCA's survey matched with 7%. Armed with this statistic, Dr. S went on to espouse her personal support of this Commissioner proposed "PET BAN" of 2010.

Using Dr. Scarlett's own calculations, that San Franciscans acquire 8-10 thousand new dogs every year would mean that the local pet stores who sell dogs must churn them out at a rate of 560 to 700 dogs per year. Those figures didn't strike me as right so I decided to do my own survey. State law requires pet stores to keep records of all dog sales which made my job easy. I visited the dog-selling pet stores who were happy to share their numbers, these totaled to about 130 dog sales (not 5-7 hundred) to San Francisco residents. Adding a margin of error of 33% you still only reach 175 dogs sold by local pet stores. This is only 2% - I wonder why this statistic needed to be inflated to 7%?

I am vexed, and also saddened, but most of all totally FATOOTSED AT THE LEVEL OF dishonesty of this Commission and Animal Rights Activists within San Francisco. Starting nearly 2 years ago with Ms Katz proclaiming on television that ACC receives 300 pet birds a year; when in reality her own statistics clearly shows an intake of 109 birds...to this Commission's Pinocchio episode with the Examiner and members of the Board of Supervisors where you claim that there are 4 pet stores in SF selling dogs instead of the correct number which is 1....and now this; the head of the SPCA artistically fabricating the empirical data of a survey to help support her cause. I think this Commission and the Animal Rights activists who grace this hall's new motto should be.... "If the statistics don't fit; we'll make our own shit."

4/23/12 Addendum

At the March 8th meeting of the Animal Welfare Commission, Dr. Scarlett made public the S.P.C.A.'s findings from a 2011 phone survey to learn were and

how San Francisco residents acquire dogs. We were told that 426 S.F. residents responded to this phone survey. By April 18th, a different version of the survey was published in the Chronicle. The number of S.F. residents responding to the new survey had now dropped to only 300 and somehow another "408 Bay Area" residents from outside the city were added to this survey. The most incredible thing about these 2 surveys was that the statistical results were absolutely.... exactly..... identical.

So, how many surveys did the SPCA conduct or maybe the better question is how many versions of the survey are out there? Why can't they do a survey and stick to empirical fact. What are they trying to gain or hide from this smoke and mirrors charade?

1/12/12 Animal Welfare Commission Greet Pinocchio

In June of 2011, 4 of the current members of this Animal Welfare Commission stood before the Rules Committee. They presented the Supervisors with a fact sheet. This "**fact sheet**" stated "**as fact**" that there are 4 pet shops in the City of San Francisco that sell dogs. This Fact was an intentional lie!

Commissioner Gerrie clarified when asked in July of 2009 that there was only one pet store in SF which sells 50 to 75 dogs per year. A month and a half later, another meeting included Commissioners Stephens, Hemphill and Gerrie and the owner of Pet Central, the single dog-selling establishment. It was known and mentioned before the meeting that this was the only store that sells dogs in the city.

It is interesting to see how a lie takes on its own life. First the lie was put before the Members of the Board of Supervisors. Then, the next month the lie, still alive and well, shows up in this chamber, over on that table, next to the copies of the minutes and agenda. Still not a peep about the lie and I'm sorry to say neither complicity nor ignorance are good excuses! Finally it hits the Examiner; "Let's lie to the public." We all know that once a lie is published, it becomes our new truth.

So why lie to the Supervisors and the Public? Could it be "the ends justify the means?" For the last year and a half that I have been coming here, I feel that most of the commissioners and their allies, care more about their political agenda than they care about lowering the euthanasia rate. They care more about their ideology than increasing the opportunities for rehoming of companion pets. This commission and its allies don't care if they tell the truth; they'll do what it takes to get what they want.

Members of this commission and its allies continuously speak for the moral high road. But if they continue being disingenuous and /or lie; they will end up sounding like self righteous sanctimonious hypocrites, worse, they will be letting down the People of San Francisco.

August 2010- AWC Meeting

Last month was the first meeting to include opponents of the proposed ban at this Commission. At the beginning of the meeting the commissioners presented themselves with a little bio and a short synopsis of their views. When they finished my partner passed me a note.....it said..."the Commissioners have already decided."

Before the meeting a group of us had informally met with the commissioners to be advised on how the meeting would be conducted, during this meeting I realized that the commissioners had at the last minute altered the venue. The group against the ban had the floor for the first 2.5 hours. We all listened in amazement as the Commissioners lobbed softball questions to their friends in the rescues and fired cannon at the people who were against the ban. The Commissioners..... had already decided.

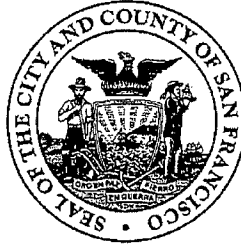
In the newspaper, a commissioner stated that she had been working on this proposed ban for over 2 years. As it turns out, the groups pushing this ban have had the ear of the commission for 2 years, the general public has only known about this proposal for 2 months. I also noticed that her article was in lockstep with two other articles written by animal rescue groups....The Commissioners.... had already decided.

In the last month there have been meetings with the local Pet stores owners and several of the Commissioners. The stores offered solutions ranging from helping with re-homing of pets, to suggestions that Animal Control and the rescues lower some of their adoption fees, to a moratorium on opening any new pet stores. These suggestions were blown off. The Commissioners... had already decided.

It seems that now, instead of touting the big ban.....the Commissioners are feeling the political winds blowing against them.... They have come up with a new proposal..... under the guise of pet owner education. Instead of an outright ban to close pet storesthey intend to strangle them to death. This proposal is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

I say that this Commission's 15 minutes of fame is over and ask the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to dismiss this one sided Commission and to replace them with citizens who are willing to be impartial and open minded in finding solutions that will work for all of us.

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VACANCY NOTICE

COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE

Replaces All Previous Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following vacancy:

Vacant seat 6, succeeding Jennifer Jameson, deceased, must be a member representing the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2015.

Additional Qualifications: No two individuals on the Commission shall be representatives, employees or officers of the same group, association, corporation, organization, or City Department. Each member shall be a resident of the City and County of San Francisco; except for the licensed veterinarian who must practice in San Francisco, but who need not be a resident of San Francisco.

Reports: The Commission shall submit a quarterly written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors, as stated in Health Code, Section 41.3.

Sunset Date: None.

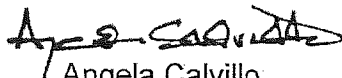
Additional information relating to the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare may be obtained by reviewing Health Code, Section 41.1 at <http://www.sfbos.org/sfmunicodes> or by visiting their website at <http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=369>.

Interested persons may obtain an application from the Board of Supervisors website at http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application or from the Rules Committee Clerk, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689. Completed applications should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. All applicants must be residents of San Francisco, unless otherwise stated.

Next Steps: Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual(s) who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the

Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, these vacancies may have already been filled. To determine if vacancies for this Commission are still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-4447.


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Health Code, Section 41.1 (Ordinance Nos. 226-73; 59-82; 182-89; 394-89; and 107-99)

Board Qualifications:

The Commission of Animal Control and Welfare consists of eleven (11) members.

The seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be voting members:

- > Six (6) members shall represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters; and
- > One (1) member must be a licensed veterinarian practicing in San Francisco.

The other four (4) members are non-voting members, as follows:

- > One (1) member shall consist of the Director of the Animal Care and Control Department or his/her designated representative;
- > One (1) member appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Health or his/her designated representative;
- > One (1) member appointed by the Chief of Police or his/her designated representative; and
- > One (1) member appointed by the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department or his/her designated representative.

Each member of the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare of the City and County of San Francisco shall be a resident of the City and County of San Francisco, except for the licensed veterinarian, who must practice in San Francisco, but who need not be a resident of San Francisco.

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The Commission shall have the powers and duties to: a) hold hearings and submit recommendations regarding animal control and welfare to the Board of Supervisors and the City Administrator; b) study and recommend requirements for the maintenance of animals in public, private, and commercial care; and c) work with the Tax Collector, Director of the Animal Care and Control Department, and authorized licensing entities to develop and maintain dog licensing procedures and make recommendations on fees.

Term of Office: Three of the members who are first appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be designated to serve for terms of one year and three for two years from the date of their appointment. Thereafter, members shall be appointed as aforesaid for a term of two years, except that all of the vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. A member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified.

Reports: The Commission shall render a written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors quarterly as stated in Health Code, Section 41.3.

Sunset Date: None

