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July 10, 2013

Honorable Paul L. Beeman
Presiding Judge
Solano County Superior Court
Fairfield, CA 94533

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO 2012-13 ANIMAL CARE SERVICES GRAND JURY REPORT

Dear Judge Beeman:

The City Council of the City of Vacaville has approved the following response to the subject report:

Finding 3- Animal control functions in Solano County are fragmented and confusing to the public.

Recommendation 3- The Solano County Sheriff's Office provide all animal control services for all cities and unincorporated areas of Solano County using funds generated from dog licensing and funds currently being paid by the cities to private companies for existing animal control contracts.

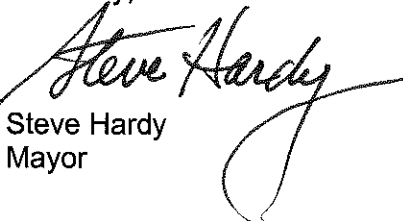
City of Vacaville Response:

The City of Vacaville Disagrees with Finding 3.

Under an agreement negotiated between the cities and the County, the cities were allowed to provide animal control services in their jurisdictions through means other than County services. Accordingly, the Solano Animal Care Authority (SACA), a joint powers authority, was formed in 1986. The City of Vacaville is a member agency. Since its formation, SACA has contracted with Humane Animal Services (HAS), a division of the SPCA, for animal control services within the jurisdictions of the member agencies. At an annual cost of approximately \$293,000, this has proven to be an adequate means of serving these needs in the Vacaville community. However, the City of Vacaville, through SACA, is open to looking at other options to provide efficient and effective animal control services to meet the needs of its citizens. In that regard, the City of Vacaville believes the recommendation needs further analysis through SACA, and will recommend that SACA perform the analysis within the next six months.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Animal Services Report.

Sincerely,



Steve Hardy
Mayor