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**TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, 7:00 PM
Virtual Telephonic Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks at 7:02 PM. The following Animal Welfare Committee members were present: Jeffrey Mausner (Chair); Amitis Ariano; Matthew Clark (Co-Host); Jennifer Clark; Michelle Cornelius (joined the meeting later, after her class); Lynn Davis; Jill Haber; Janet Mausner; Sima Salek; Terry Saucier.

2. Public Comments – We had a special guest, Aimee Sadler who is founder and president of Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL). Aimee spoke about the work of DPFL during public comment. DPFL is an outstanding organization that has a contract with the Animal Services Department to give enrichment to the dogs, including to get them out onto the play yards. They are able to get 30 to 40 dogs out at one time onto the yard, which means that many of the dogs in the shelter can get out on the day they are at the shelter. That has really made a difference to the well-being and happiness of the dogs.

3a. The following motion was moved by Jeff Mausner and seconded by Matt Clark: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution stating that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports the SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM. Since 2019, it has been the official position of the City of Los Angeles to oppose dog meat, including specifically in the country of Vietnam. On September 10, 2023, President Biden and the leader of Vietnam entered into the Joint Leaders' Statement: Elevating United States-Vietnam Relations To A Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The Joint Leaders' Statement encourages states and cities in the United States and Vietnam to enter into sister city/state relationships. Since it is the official position of Los Angeles to oppose dog meat in Vietnam, the city that Los Angeles enters into a sister city relationship

with should ban dog and cat meat. The SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM will offer a city or province in Vietnam a sister city/sister state relationship with Los Angeles and/or California, which would be conditioned on the Vietnam city or province banning dog and cat meat. This resolution supporting the SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM shall be communicated to the City Council and other relevant City agencies. This resolution can be filed as a Community Impact Statement in support of any City Council resolution on this subject. (This project is more fully described in the following CityWatch article: [Five Million Dogs and Cats Desperately Need Saving in Vietnam](https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29620-five-million-dogs-and-cats-desperately-need-saving-in-vietnam). <https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29620-five-million-dogs-and-cats-desperately-need-saving-in-vietnam>.)

The motion passed unanimously, 9 in favor, none against, with the following members voting for the motion in a roll call vote: Jeffrey Mausner; Amitis Ariano; Matthew Clark; Jennifer Clark; Lynn Davis; Jill Haber; Janet Mausner; Sima Salek; Terry Saucier. All members present stated that they had read the cited CityWatch article.

3b. The following motion was moved by Jeff Mausner and seconded by Janet Mausner: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution stating that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports sufficient funding for spay/neuter, including sufficient funding for spay/neuter vouchers and sufficient personnel in the Animal Services Department to enforce spay/neuter laws. This resolution shall be communicated to the City Council and other relevant City agencies. This resolution can be filed as a Community Impact Statement in support of any City Council resolution on this subject. (This is more fully discussed in the following CityWatch article: [Failure To Provide Adequate Funding For Spay/Neuter Is “Penny Wise And Pound Foolish.”](https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29704-failure-to-provide-adequate-funding-for-spay-neuter-is-penny-wise-and-pound-foolish) <https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29704-failure-to-provide-adequate-funding-for-spay-neuter-is-penny-wise-and-pound-foolish>.)

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Discussion took place regarding the following topics:

c. West Valley Animal Shelter.

d. Los Angeles Animal Services Department.

e. Free Pet Wellness Day, sponsored by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Saturday November 9, from 9 AM to 1 PM, Balboa Sports Center, 5651 Balboa Blvd, Encino. See flyer on TNC website.

- f. Updating the list of veterinarians who accept City spay/neuter vouchers. Jill, Jennifer, and Sima will work on this.
 - g. Ask VCA to donate spay/neuter services to the City Shelters or people adopting animals from the City Shelters.
 - h. Return of the Best Friends Super Adoption Weekend, which used to be held each year at Warner Center Park. This year it was held at the Rose Bowl on November 2 and 3 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Mason was rescued by Paws for Life.
 - i. Dog park in the Woodland Hills/Warner Center area. Jill will discuss with Heath Kline.
 - j. New General Manager for the Department of Animal Services.
- Adjournment at 8:35 PM.