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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 14, 2016
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Office
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C: Animal Services Program Update

Recommendation

A brief summary of activities performed by the Marin Humane Society under its current contract for countywide animal services is attached. No Action is requested.

Discussion

A new, three-year contract with Marin Humane Society was executed last spring for the period of July 2015 through June 2018. A summary of some of the activities for the last six months has been prepared by MHS staff. Among them are an increase in dog licensing and associated revenues, progress in disaster planning (as has been seen to be so important to residents and their animals who suffered from the recent wildfires in California), the saga of the squirrel attacks in Novato, and three potential dangerous animal hearings, resulting in appropriate precautionary actions. Please see the summary, attached.

In addition, as you may have heard, the County Counsel's office has been working with MHS staff to prepare a "puppy mill" ordinance, which will deal with the issue of restricting the sale of over-bred dogs, cats and rabbits. If the Board of Supervisors adopts an ordinance, the towns and cities may also be asked to adopt the same ordinance. This MGSA Board meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the issue with MHS staff.