

Dear Honorable Alameda City Council Members

Mayor Trish Spenser

Vice Mayor Frank Mataresse, Tony Daysog, Marilyn Ashcraft, Jim Oddie

I'm writing to express my support for the City of Alameda creating some additional funding for the Alameda Animal Shelter, and the FAAS group, so we can maintain the level of support for the stray animals of Alameda, thru humane facilities and conditions, and provide low cost veterinary care for those in need.

I've been a veterinarian practicing in Alameda since 1970, and in those years I have worked closely with the shelter personnel to acquire necessary vaccines, drugs, and medical supplies.

I think the residents of the city are very proud of the work that is being done by FAAS, the shelter, and the Humane Society and I think it's another thing that helps create a great quality of life in our fair city.

Our Winery, Rock Wall Wine Co. has actually bottled a wine called Rock Hound Red and Rock Hound White with a picture of winemaker, Shauna Rosenblum's, Blind pit bull, Sunny, on the label playing a Gibson Guitar, and we donate .25 a bottle to the FAAS. I believe to date we have donated almost \$12,000.

I realize there are budget constraints and all sorts of pressure on city funding, so possibly trying to create some corporate sponsorships for the FAAS with our quality local corporations eg. Pete's coffee and Semi Freddie's would be beneficial

Another possibility could be a small parcel tax, such as Alameda Hospital receives.

In any event I hope something can be created to assure the future funding for our shelter.

Thanks

Kent Rosenblum DVM



LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 10:44 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER; Janet Kern; Liz Warmerdam
Subject: Fwd: FAAS Funding Proposal for discussion Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Camilla SFO <camillasfo@yahoo.com>
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Mayor Herrera Spencer, Vice Mayor Matarrese and Council Members,

We appreciate that Alameda has an animal shelter. Up until recently, we would have supported funding for the shelter. However, on [7/30](#) we adopted a dog from FAAS. Marjorie was a beautiful, well-mannered/trained dog. On 9/14, we returned her to FAAS to be reunited with her original owner. It was a very sad day for us and hopefully a very happy day when she and her owner were reunited.

Two shelters failed to find the chip and follow up on it. We are not sure what really happened because there have been inconsistencies in the story; however, FAAS had three opportunities to do something about this prior to 9/14.

1) Scan the dog and follow up on the chip when she first transferred to FAAS (It is not our practice to check to see who it is registered to because it should have been in the name if the other shelter).

I called after reviewing her forms because there was no chip info. They told me to have our vet check because we had scheduled an appointment and because FAAS could not find anything. If there was no chip, they would chip her. We went to the vet for a checkup, vaccinations and medicine. They easily found a chip and gave us a number.

2) I called FAAS and they instructed us to call Home Again to transfer ownership. FAAS assumed she was registered to the Oakland shelter. I called Home Again and found out that the dog was registered to someone else.

3) Camilla called FAAS and left a message. She called again because we had heard nothing from Home Again and still did not receive a FAAS call back. Fortunately, I had included a note with the transfer form that we had gotten her from a shelter.

Somewhere around 9/14 or before, the Oakland PD went to or called FAAS to retrieve the dog because a police report had been filed. When we were notified on 9/14, we took her in and met with Nancy and Tina. They were apologetic and said several errors had occurred. We told them that we were concerned that the owner had all of our personal information (name, address, phone) because that was included in the form that the owner has to sign to transfer ownership.

They called Home Again, but really didn't ask the right questions to make us comfortable that our personal information had not been given to the previous owner.

We talked to Deb because we wanted to see that procedures be put in place to help safeguard from this type of situation. We do not feel that checking for a chip and following up on the ownership should be the adopter's responsibility. We were told that they did not have enough staffing to make this work. We asked why were they going to other shelters for animals if they were short staffed?

Finding homes for animals is important; however, reuniting pets is also important. Having a check list and practice of verifying ownership are good things to have in place. We have not heard anything from the shelter since 9/15 about the adoption fee or the vet bill. We had Marjorie for six weeks.

If they need additional funding to properly run the facility, I would want to see how they use their funds and what their basic processes are (has something been put in place to double check chip info?) before the city puts any more money into the shelter.

We did not have confidence to adopt another dog from FAAS because of the inconsistencies in what happened so we adopted through another shelter last weekend. I do not want to see city money go to a shelter with basic process and call back issues. There is a lot of good that comes from shelters. We would like to see this shelter grow, but we want to feel like they are responsive and recognize when safeguards need to be put in place.

Kathy Clark & Camilla Whyte

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 10:40 PM
To: Janet Kern; Jill Keimach; Liz Warmerdam; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Fwd: Support Alameda's Animal Shelter

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From: Lin Look <linvlook@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Support Alameda's Animal Shelter

Dear Mayor Spencer,

As a Alameda homeowner and pet owner, I am expecting you to support our shelter. I follow FAAS on Facebook, and they do right by our homeless animals. I was around when the shelter was going to close and lost or surrendered animals would be shipped down to Hayward, where the kill rate is horrific. Now Alameda is able to help Hayward Shelter because we do a good job of emptying our cages with adoptions.

FAAS and Alameda need our support.

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