



Thank You, Animal Services!

Our community takes great pride in the outstanding work performed by El Dorado County Animal Services, which now needs your support to continue existing services and to build an already planned and funded shelter. Operating for 40 years with woefully inadequate facilities, they do their jobs carrying out California law professionally and with care and concern for the health and safety of all community residents— despite confronting enormous challenges. One-time-only funds to build a new shelter were set aside in 2007, property has been purchased and architectural plans completed.

On Monday, April 11th, 9 a.m., the County Board of Supervisors will hold a workshop on Animal Services in preparation for county budget discussions. **The future of Animal Services and a new shelter in this county are at stake in these discussions!**

Did you know? State law requires our county to:

- Regulate the control and humane treatment of animals.
- Pick up and impound stray animals.
- Quarantine, shelter and observe animals that have bitten someone for 10 days to six months.
- If quarantined animals or abused animals are seized, they must be housed and cared for until court cases are completed—a legal process that can take up to six months!

Did you know? Each year Animal Services staff respond to:

- More than **10,000** calls/complaints.
- **2,900** calls about loose animals, which create traffic hazards and endanger people, property and other animals.
- **625** reports of animal bites—many bites involve stray animals and can spread rabies.
- **550** complaints about aggressive dogs.
- **850** dead animals, including deer, in the road that must be picked up.
- **580** cases of animal neglect or cruelty.

Did you know? The successful partnership between Animal Services and the community results in:

- **88%** of dogs and **66%** of cats sheltered by the county reunited with their owners, or successfully placed into new homes.
- **DOGS: 627** being adopted and **1,037** being reclaimed from county shelters. (2010)
- **CATS: 669** being adopted and **62** being reclaimed from county shelters. (2010)
- **VOLUNTEERS: 140** currently assisting shelter staff with exercising, socializing, cleaning and providing foster care.
- **50%:** The amount that fees (not taxes) pay for County Animal Services to provide its services.

Please show your appreciation for this essential public service! The County Board of Supervisors needs to hear from you!

What YOU can do:



On April 7th and 8th: Email, FAX or phone your Supervisor expressing your support of Animal Services and the need for the county to continue this vital public service and the need for a permanent animal shelter on the Western Slope. For Supervisor contact information, visit: **www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/BOS**



Attend the April 11 workshop, 9 a.m., Board of Supervisors Chambers, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville and voice your support for Animal Services. Speak up and share your story of the help you received from staff and/or the importance of an animal you adopted/reclaimed from the shelter.