

## THANK YOU--- YOUR VOICE WAS HEARD!

Many thanks to all who voiced their support of Animal Services through emails, letters, calls and attendance at the April 11<sup>th</sup> El Dorado County Board of Supervisors meeting!!! Supporters filled the meeting room from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and at least 15 people addressed the Board and spoke passionately about the vital need for Animal Services and the new planned permanent Animal Shelter for the Western Slope. Our County Supervisors heard and saw that we value this service and want them to finally move forward to build this shelter!

In summary:

1. The idea raised at the Febr. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting that the County should consider "getting out of the Animal Services business" and "turn it over to a non-profit," was not brought up at all! We believe this was due to a thorough staff presentation and report that once again explained state and local mandates, and your communications demonstrating an informed public that understands the essential role of Animal Services in our community.
2. The Board voted unanimously to move the new shelter project forward, demanding that in two weeks the County Department of Transportation staff (who are responsible for this project) report back to them a specific timeline for completion of Phase I and Phase II of the shelter project, and provide monthly progress reports to the Board thereafter. Supervisor Santiago passionately voiced that the lack of action on this project during the past years is completely unacceptable, a sentiment strongly supported by Supervisor Briggs. Supervisor Sweeney was also quite vocal about the fact that the county **MUST** get out of the current temporary facilities by December 2013!

We will continue to be present and monitor every action related to the discussion of Animal Services and building the much needed county animal shelter, and will keep you informed every step of the way. Thank you again for your voices---you truly **MADE A DIFFERENCE!!!**