



AGENDA

March 10, 2025
Summit Church
500 Buena Vista Drive
Merced, CA 95340

CALL TO ORDER: (please silence your phones and do not talk over others)

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Absent:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: (printed copies of informational items will be available at each meeting)

- Financial Statements 2/1 - 28/2025
- Budget Update 2/1 - 28/2025
- LA Cats Donation Fund February 2025
- In-Kind Donation 2/1 - 28/2025
- Animal Statistics 2/1 - 28/2025

ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Moved:

Second:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

2. ANIMAL SURRENDER POLICY

Report In Brief: The Merced SPCA does not have an official animal surrender policy for owners who either want or need to surrender their pets to a rescue. Director Lambert is interested in this item being discussed and a policy adopted regarding the surrender of animals and potential fees associated with the surrender. There are many possible options, but only those requested by the Board are listed below and the included draft policy, with any changes, will be implemented according to the direction of the Board.

- a. No surrender fee required
- b. No surrender fee required, but donation is highly encouraged
- c. \$50-\$75 surrender fee (as directed by the Board)
- d. > \$75 surrender fee (as directed by the Board)

Moved:

Second:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

3. MERCED SPCA TNR PROGRAM

Report in Brief: At its January 2025 meeting, the Board adopted a 2025 budget, with \$23,250 allocated for TNR services for approximately 100 cats and kittens. As of 2/28/2025 the Merced SPCA has TNR'd 35 cats and kittens and has a balance of \$18,750 for TNR services. If the number of TNRs continues to remain at current levels, the TNR program will end by July 2025. The President would like to continue the TNR program through December 2025 and is recommending that TNR services be limited to 8 per month to accomplish the goal of reaching 100 TNRs and staying within the allocated funding for the program. She is asking for board input and direction regarding the TNRs program.

4. BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Report in Brief: The Merced SPCA Board has upcoming elections for three positions in October 2025: President, Treasurer and Director of Membership. As per its adopted amended bylaws, nominations can begin 6 months prior to election. The President will be sending letters to the general membership asking for nominations and informing members of the elections. An additional letter and voting form will be sent out in September and elections will be at the general Board meeting in October, by the majority vote of members.

5. 2025 SPRING VACCINE CLINIC

Report in Brief: The Merced SPCA offered a low-cost vaccine clinic in September 2024. Because of the overwhelming response, the Board agreed to provide a Spring 2025 vaccination clinic on April 12, 2025. The President is asking for Board input on the number of enrollments to accept and timing of public announcement for the clinic.

6. CONCLUSION OF LOW-COST SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

Report in Brief: The Merced SPCA Board started a low-cost spay and neuter program on January 1, 2025, with the grant funds received from the Glide Foundation. Previously there were 100 appointments available. At the January 13, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors, it was approved by majority to extend the program using an additional \$1480.35 in grant funds, bringing the total number of available slots to 150. As of 2/28/2025, 148 appointments have been requested and paid for and the program has ended.

7. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

8. OTHER REPORTABLE ITEMS

(Members of the public may use this time to speak on any agenized or non-agenized item. The Merced SPCA Board will not take any actions on items discussed during this time)

9. ADJOURNMENT:

**The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2025
Summit Church
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6 p.m.**