Commission recommends NO KILL because it is good for Stockton

- Saves the lives of owned & adoptable animals
- Improves the lives of animals in the shelter system
- Improves city services & enhances the image of Stockton
- Saves money & generates revenue
- Qualifies Stockton Animal Shelter for grants and donations
- Attracts volunteers and local rescue and fostering groups
- Bolsters staff morale & garners community support
WHAT IS NO-KILL?

A No-Kill shelter is a place where all adoptable and treatable animals are saved and where only those animals who are irremediably suffering or are vicious and cannot be rehabilitated are subject to euthanasia.
COMMON MYTHS

Myth 1: Too many animals, not enough homes
Myth 2: Irresponsible owners cause the problem
Myth 3: No-Kill means warehousing of animals
Myth 4: Certain breeds are dangerous or unadoptable
Myth 5: No-Kill is expensive
NO-KILL = LOWER COST & INCREASED REVENUE

- Adoption produces direct revenue to shelter
- Euthanasia is 100% cost & produces no off-setting revenue
- Return-To-Owner reduces shelter expenses
- Transferring animals to rescues and foster reduces cost
- Every year pet owners spend billions on vets, groomers, pet supplies and boarding, thus supporting local businesses and generating much-needed tax revenue
- Positive outcomes show that tax dollars are well-spent
How do well-run shelters reduce their animal population?

They emphasize return-to owner.

- Every day in the shelter costs money, yet Stockton holds on to people’s pets when they can’t pay on-the-spot rather than billing them. Stockton kills people’s pets when fines get so big pet owner’s can’t pay them.

- They stay open during times when public can look for/retrieve their animals. (Stockton Shelter Hours M-F 12-5, Saturday 12-4)

- They disseminate information about found animals; they actively seek owners.
Well-run shelters reduce owner surrender of animals

Common reasons for animal surrender: Owner relocation, job loss, behavior issues, domestic violence, mismatched adoption, veterinary costs

Mitigation:

- Shelter provides list of rentals that permit pets
- Food bank
- Volunteer pet behavior support. Public education about behavior, Training.
- Financial Assistance for Veterinary Care (grants)
- Re-homing, Fostering
COMPREHENSIVE ADOPTION

AT THE SHELTER:
- Welcoming with evening & weekend hours
- Expertise in matching pets to adopters/ Meet & Greet Area
- Marketing! Website!

OFF-SITE
- Mobile Adoptions by trained volunteers 6-7 days per week
- Partnerships with local business
Well-run shelters invest in and support massive and affordable spay/neuter

Stockton’s current spay/neuter is sporadic and available to very few animals.

- Develop low-cost subsidy program to utilize and expand ACT clinic options
- Operate low- or no-cost spay/neuter in target areas via mobile clinic
- Educate public about spay/neuter
- Develop & strengthen corps of volunteer veterinarian & assistants
TNR=Trap, Neuter, Release

- Cats are trapped, spayed/neutered, ear tipped, inoculated for rabies
- Ear-tipped cats not accepted at shelter except in case of grave prognosis
- Institute Public Education Program about TNR

TNR is more effective than euthanasia in reducing feral cat populations
COMMISSION FINDINGS:
1. RECORDS

- Shocking lack of transparency
- Poor records
- No available statistics
**ANIMAL HISTORY**

**Animals That Were Impounded From 3/1/2014 to 3/6/2014**

**ANIMAL ID #:** A109356  
**SEX:** MALE  
**D.O.B.:** 3/18/2012

**ANIMAL NAME:** ROCKY  
**BREED:** PIT BULL  
**COLOR:** BROWN

**MEMO:**

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Left message for officer thomas on dog's a/o's. DS 3-4-14

As per officer Thomas, do not release back to owners. County will follow-up with a/o's. DS 3-4-14

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COMMISSION FINDINGS: STOCKTON ANIMAL SERVICES

× Failure to facilitate return-to-owner and pet retention
× Hours that do not permit accessibility for working public
× Lack of community outreach and education
× Failure to provide legally required veterinary care
× Exclusion of volunteers, fosters, local rescue groups
× Inconsistent & sporadic support for low-cost spay/neuter
× Poor organization, significant errors, lack of procedures
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

- Animal Services should be moved from Police Department to General Services
- Create Shelter Manager Position
- Commission input and representation in manager recruitment with Council oversight of open and transparent hiring
- Council, Mayor and City Manager should work with Commission to set goals and timeline for improved performance toward goal of 90% live release rate of all animals and breeds
- Minor facility modifications should be addressed
- City Council should pass a resolution for a No-Kill Shelter
MEASURABLE MANAGEMENT ACTION

- Initiate accountability; post records on website
- Set specific goals and timeline to improve performance in RTO, TNR, Pet Retention, Fostering and Adoption
- Plan for consistent sustainable & adequate veterinary care
- Pursue modification of ordinances that are counter-productive to the health and safety of Stockton’s animals
- Organize inclusive tiered volunteer program
- Pursue grant opportunities available to No-Kill shelters
- Establish education programs & multi-lingual outreach
The difference between shelters that succeed in saving lives and those that fail is not the size of the budget; it is the commitment of its leadership to No-Kill.