



Vacaville Police Department

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Honorable John B. Ellis, Presiding Judge
Hall of Justice
Department 23 Room 306
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

**SUBJECT: RESPONSES TO 2017-2018 GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED:
ANIMAL CARE/ANIMAL CONTROL**

Dear Judge Ellis:

This letter shall serve as the City of Vacaville Police Department's response, in accordance with Penal Code §933.05, to three findings and recommendations in the 2017-2018 Grand Jury Report entitled "Animal Care/Animal Control," as approved by the Vacaville City Council on June 26, 2018.

City of Vacaville Police Department (Findings 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) – Responses:

FINDING 1

Members of Solano Animal Control Authority (SACA) indicated concern with the contract and lack of cooperation from Humane Animal Services (HAS) in providing appropriate fiscal information.

RESPONSE TO FINDING 1

The Vacaville Police Department agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATION 1

SACA, the contracting party, review, renegotiate and rethink the existing contract. SACA send out requests for proposals to find an agency that provides appropriate fiscal information.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 1

Through its participation in SACA, the Vacaville Police Department will continue to pursue a new contract using the RFP process that is currently underway.

FINDING 2

Licensing is the law, not a choice. All interviewed enforcement agencies admitted that implementing licensing laws is a low priority.



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RESPONSE TO FINDING 2

The Vacaville Police Department agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Law enforcement agencies review policies and ensure that pet owners are aware of and follow the state, county and city regulations.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 2

The Vacaville Police Department will conduct a full review of internal policies, city ordinances, and protocols related to the licensing of pets and make changes, as necessary to ensure staff and pet owners are aware of and follow the regulations.

FINDING 3

Animal Care/Animal Control services in Solano County are not consistent or easily accessed.

RESPONSE TO FINDING 3

The City of Vacaville Police Department agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATION 3

The cities in Solano County develop a communication system that connects all responding agencies and allows citizens to access needed assistance with a single call.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 3

Agencies throughout Solano County, including the Vacaville Police Department, are working collectively toward an interoperable radio system and computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system which should allow for much improved service to citizens seeking solutions to their animal care/control concerns.

FINDING 4

There is no effective program in Solano County to ensure animal license enforcement and compliance.

RESPONSE TO FINDING 4

The Vacaville Police Department agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATION 4

The cities and the county collaborate on a plan to address license enforcement and compliance.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 4

The Vacaville Police Department will work with all other cities and county agencies to develop a plan to address license enforcement and compliance.

FINDING 5

Veterinarians are the first line of defense in addressing the health and safety of family pets, yet there is no effort to create a collaborative program to ensure that pets in Solano County are licensed.



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RESPONSE TO FINDING 5

The Vacaville Police Department agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATION 5

Solano Animal Control Authority (SACA) work with the Napa Solano County Veterinary Medical Association to create a program to increase the number of licensed animals in Solano County.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 5

As a member of the SACA Board, the representative from the Vacaville Police Department will work with the Napa County Veterinary Medical Association to collaboratively create a program to increase the number of licensed animals in Solano County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Carli".

John Carli
Chief of Police
City of Vacaville

cc: Solano County Grand Jury
County Administrator's Office