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July 17, 2018

The Honorable John B. Ellis  
Presiding Judge  
Solano County Superior Court  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, California 94533

Re: Response to 2017-2018 Grand Jury Report Entitled "Animal Care/Animal Control"

Dear Judge Ellis:

The following is the City of Fairfield's response to the Grand Jury Report regarding Animal Care/Animal Control.

Finding 1 – The City of Fairfield agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 1 – The Solano Animal Control Authority recently solicited proposals for an agency to provide animal control services to its member agencies.

Finding 2 - The City of Fairfield agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 2 – The recommendation has not yet been implemented and it requires further analysis. While the City of Fairfield cannot "ensure that pet owners are aware of and follow the state, county, and city regulations," the police department will increase its effort in informing the public of laws pertaining to pets with social media campaigns and placing additional information on the City's website within six months of the publication date of the Grand Jury report.

Finding 3 – The City of Fairfield does not agree with the finding.

Recommendation 3 – The recommendation has been implemented so far as the City of Fairfield's primary method for learning of complaints or issues concerning animals, of any type, is through the dispatch center, which is open 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, year-round. Dispatchers are trained to properly assess calls and route them to the appropriate agency to respond.

Finding 4 – The City of Fairfield agrees with the finding.

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Recommendation 4 – This recommendation requires further analysis. The City of Fairfield will encourage the Solano County Animal Control Authority (SACA) to work with its member agencies and the County of Solano to develop strategies to address license enforcement and compliance. This concern will be voiced to SACA during the third quarterly meeting in 2018.

Finding 5 – The City of Fairfield partially agrees with the finding that "Veterinarians are the first line of defense in addressing the health and safety of family pets."

Recommendation 5 - This recommendation will not be implemented by the City of Fairfield as it is in the purview of SACA and the County of Solano who is responsible for licensing animals, including animals brought to the county's shelter from the City of Fairfield.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daw", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DAVID A. WHITE  
City Manager

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c: Solano Animal Control Authority Board of Directors