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## September 21, 2009 - Hayden Survey

Has your agency participated in the Hayden's survey yet?

Hayden Survey Results

\*Results reflect 36 participants.

1) The current State requirements to hold stray dogs and cats will revert to the pre-existing laws that require a shelter to hold a stray dog or cat 72 hours. (F&A 31108, and 31752) How will you adjust to this change?

39% No change. We will continue to hold stray dogs and cats as we have been.

42% Some change. May hold feral and fractious animals less, friendly and adoptable longer.

8% Change. We will only hold stray dogs and cats for the minimum 72 hours.

11% Other

a) Reduce holding period to 96 hours.

b) The County Board of Supervisors will make a decision to continue with the Haden Bill requirement or go along with the suspension by early September. Animal Care Services has made the recommendation to continue with the Haden requirements.

2) Do you currently file an annual claim for reimbursement for the extended holding periods?

80% Yes, always.

20% No, never.

3) Have your claims been, or currently being, audited by the State?

26% Yes, current audit, all years.

7% Past audit, individual years.

76% No audit

4) What is the dollar amount that your agency claimed last year or the most recent year?

2007-2008 claim amount

\$8,586 \$18,144 \$80,000 \$80,822 \$86,811 \$90,000 \$140,549 \$278,000 \$323,000 \$330,000

\$560,000 \$810,000

5) How do you intend to address the anticipated reduction in revenue this year with the Hayden Bill being suspended? (may select more than one)?

32% No change.

15% Reduce personnel.

26% Reduce service and supply costs.

15% Reduce veterinary care.

12% Other

a) Reduce personnel, service and supply costs.

b) Cut staff by 10% & furloughed 4 hours per week (10%) resulting in a 20% cut in staff hours.

c) Hasn't seen any money from the state in 2 years.

6) The current State requirements to hold "other" stray animals was suspended, and there will be no holding period for stray animals such as rabbits, chickens, reptiles, "pocket pets" etc. (does not effect other existing livestock laws). (F&A 31753) How will you adjust to this change?

34% No change. Will continue to hold "other" stray animals as we have been.

60% Some change. Will evaluate on a case-by-case basis.

6% Change. Will no hold "other" animals for any specific period of time.

7) The lost and found animal information requirement was suspended. (F&A 32001) How will you adjust to this change?

94% No change. Will continue to provide required information (lost and found lists, locations of other shelters, advice on how to find a lost animal).

3% Change. Will no longer provide or maintain this information.

3% Other.

8) The requirement to make animals available for owner redemption one weekday evening until at least 7pm or one weekend day per week was suspended. (F&A 31108, 31752, and 31753)

How will you adjust to this change?

61% No change. We will continue to make animals available for owner redemption at least one weekday evening and at least one weekend day.

8% Some change. We will not make animals available for owner redemption until 7pm at least one weekday.

8% Some change. We will not make animals available for owner redemption at least one weekend day.

3% Change. We will not make animals available for owner redemption until 7pm on any weekdays and we will not make animals available for owner redemption on any weekends.

19% Other:

a) Currently open 7 days a week but may have to look into closing Wednesday & or Sunday.

b) No final determination yet. Due to overall staff reductions shelter hours may change to Tuesday-Sunday open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

c) Looking into changing hours.

d) Open until 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.

9) The option to verify whether a cat is feral or tame using a standardized protocol was suspended.

(F&A 31752.5) How will you adjust to this change?

61% No change. We will continue to evaluate feral cats using a standardized protocol.

14% Change. We will no longer evaluate feral cats using a standardized protocol.

20% We never evaluated feral cats using a standardized protocol.

5% Other.

10) The requirement to maintain non-medical records on animals that are impounded was suspended.

(F&A 32003) This includes the date, circumstances, personnel, and disposition related to the animal.

How will you adjust to this change?

94% No change. We will continue to maintain these records for all impounded animals.

3% Some change. We will not maintain this information on some species/categories of animals.

3% Change. We will on longer maintain this information.

11) The requirement to provide "necessary and prompt veterinary care" for abandoned animals was

suspended. (Civ. Code 1834 and 1846) This includes an initial exam, wellness vaccines, and veterinary care for disease or injury. How will you adjust to this change?

86% No change. We will continue to provide necessary and prompt veterinary care for as long as we hold the stray.

11% Some change. We will still provide some veterinary services.

3% Change. We will no longer provide necessary and prompt veterinary care.

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