



CITY of LAGUNA WOODS

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August 15, 2008

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Honorable Nancy Wieben-Stock
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Robert Bouer
Councilmember

Milt Robbins
Councilmember

RE: Grand Jury Report - Is Orange County Going to the Dogs?

Brenda Ross
Councilmember

Leslie A. Keane
City Manager

Dear Judge Weiben-Stock:

The City of Laguna Woods has reviewed the recent Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled "Is Orange County Going to the Dogs?" and offers the following response.

Finding F-1

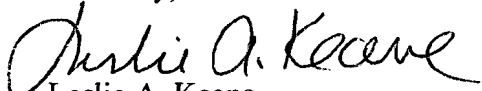
The City of Laguna woods contracts with the City of Laguna Beach for animal shelter services. Laguna Beach does not send animals to the County shelter; in fact, it has, on occasion, rescued animals from that shelter. The City of Laguna Woods does not support the euthanization of healthy animals by any shelter. We discourage animal relinquishments and works closely with the Laguna Beach shelter and local animal organizations to place animals that cannot be retained for some reason by their owners. Abandoned or injured animals are picked by Laguna Beach and housed appropriately by their shelter; as noted above, they are not transferred to the County shelter. In addition, given the demographics of our community, it is unlikely, that residents travel to orange to relinquish animals.

Recommendation R-1

The City of Laguna Woods does not support this recommendation as written since we do not send animals to the County shelter. However, if the County wishes to pursue a per animal fee for voluntary relinquishment of animals by residents from communities that are not served by the County, we would support that alternative.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on this report and offer our thanks to the Grand Jury for their efforts to address this difficult issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the City Council if we can provide any additional information about animal care services provided by the City of Laguna Woods.

Sincerely,


Leslie A. Keane
City Manager