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Spay/Neuter Ordinance Task Force Scheduled to Begin in Santa Barbara County

An 11-member Spay/Neuter Ordinance Task Force has been established by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. The goal of the Task Force is to develop recommended language for a local spay and neuter ordinance to meet the overall needs of the County. The first Task Force meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Public Health Department, 300 N. San Antonio Road, in Santa Barbara.

Thirty one individuals throughout Santa Barbara County provided applications and letters of interest for the Board's consideration. Each Supervisor selected two members for the Task Force. Chairman Carbajal selected three individuals, including one designated as Task Force Chair. The following were appointed, per the Supervisors:

First District Appointees: Ron Faoro, DVM - chair
Shirley Jansen
Elaine Martin

Second District Appointees: Heidi Thorson, JD
Lisa Kenyon

Third District Appointees: Mikki Capparelli-Lally
Paul McEnroe

Fourth District Appointees: Linda Greco
Andy Mills

Fifth District Appointees: Tom Freeman
Bonnie Royster

At the Sept. 24, meeting, it is anticipated that the Task Force will discuss how they will accomplish their goal. This includes identifying information that is needed, planning for tours of animal shelters, and scheduling task force meetings. The Task Force will complete its work and bring recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for a Spay/Neuter Ordinance in February 2009. For more information about the Spay/Neuter Ordinance Task Force, please contact Susan Klein-Rothschild at (805) 681-5435.

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