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**Board of Supervisors Response to
"It's 10 p.m. Do You Know Where Your Dog and Cat Are?"
Grand Jury Report**

FINDINGS

F1. When owners delay picking up their pets from Sonoma County Animal Services, the resulting increase in the holding period adversely affects the animals' health.

The Board agrees with this finding.

F2. Sonoma County Animal Services programs to decrease the unwanted animal population through spay and neuter services appear to be effective.

The Board agrees with this finding.

F3. A professional animal behaviorist can evaluate the possibility of successful rehabilitation of borderline-adoptable dogs and prescribe the best course of action.

The Board agrees with this finding.

F4. Sonoma County Animal Services lacks sufficient office space.

The Board agrees with this finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R3. The Board of Supervisors authorizes the position of full-time animal behaviorist for Sonoma County Animal Services.

Response: Recommendation R3 has not been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

The Board of Supervisors has directed the DHS to work with County Human Resources Department to identify, or create, an appropriate job class (or classes) for full-time animal behavior and training position(s) at SCAS. DHS will return to the Board within 6 months to request the position allocation(s) and funding needed to meet the animal behavior and training needs at SCAS.

R4. The Board of Supervisors provides additional office space at the Sonoma County Animal Services facility.

Response: Recommendation R4 has not been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

Sonoma County Animal Services (SCAS) has already undertaken several steps to alleviate congestion in the office space at the facility. Along with improvements in space utilization and workflows, SCAS will work with General Services to conduct an analysis of the current office spaces to determine if any additional changes will improve operations. The Board has directed staff to incorporate identified projects into the 2015 Capital Project Plan.