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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Animal Services in Sonoma County: Separate and Not Equal
Report Date: June 12, 2025
Response by: Luke Faser Title: Administrative Analyst
Agency/Department Name: The City of Santa Rosa

FINDINGS:

[List numbers: ie. F1, F2]

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F3-10

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: None

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

[List numbers: ie. R2, R3]

- Recommendations numbered: _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered: R1, R2, and R4 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered: _____ require(s) further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. ***This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report.***)
- Recommendations numbered: R5 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/22/2025

Signed: Mark Stapp
Mark Stapp (Aug 22, 2025 14:48:36 PDT)

Number of pages attached: 1

(See attached PC Civil Grand Jury Response Requirements)

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Attached Statement:

Regarding R1:

The Santa Rosa City Council recognizes the Board of Supervisor’s leadership role in establishing a much needed county-wide Animal Services Task Force and the City of Santa Rosa (City) welcomes the opportunity to participate. The City looks forward to supporting this initiative and collaborating with all stakeholders to enhance animal services governance and coordination across Sonoma County.

Regarding R2:

The Santa Rosa City Council commits to delegate one City representative to participate in the county-wide Animal Services Task Force by January 1, 2026.

Regarding R4:

The Santa Rosa City Council is supportive of the county-wide public information campaign in cooperation with DHS and the cities to explain the legal imperative and benefits of licensing pets, with a campaign commencement date no later than July 1, 2026. Once initiated, the City is prepared to collaborate with the County in developing and disseminating public messaging materials.

Regarding R5:

This recommendation is not applicable because animal services within the City are provided through Sonoma County Animal Services (SCAS) rather than North Bay Animal Services (NBAS).