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Clerk of the Board,

Attached is a comment submission for the May 13, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting, Departmental Item No. 6 Animal Services Program Status Update.

Thank you,

Jaan Kays



May 12, 2025

County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

Re: May 13, 2025 Meeting Agenda, Departmental Item No. 6 Animals Services Program Status Update

Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Connections. That is what Animal Services provides to the community. Not just connecting people to homeless and lost animals, but people to services, people to people and everyone to the community.

Lompoc Pet Pantry has become a method of connection. The Pantry provides food and pet supplies. But it has grown, Santa Barbara Humane joined offering spay and neuter services - with 25 appointments made on the first day. Santa Barbara County Community Services also participated in the Pantry offering an opportunity to discover of a wide range of available services. And of course, microchipping and licensing from Animal Services.

There is a myriad of services offered by Santa Barbara County, but finding those services can be overwhelming, the internet is not necessarily the easiest or friendliest place to find information. Being in the community, seeing what the needs are, what better entry way than with pets.

In modern animal sheltering, it's the whole community, not just the animals that are clients of Animal Services. It requires dedicated manpower and investment, with huge future rewards.

Below are photos from the April 29, 2025 Lompoc Pet Pantry...making connections.



Sincerely,

Jan Kays

President, CAPA