

CHAPTER 7

ANIMALS AND FOWL

Recommended Amendments to the
Santa Barbara County Code



Overview of Recommendations

- General clean-up and update of language to reflect current terms:
 - Examples:*
 - ✓ *Animal Shelter* vs. pound
 - ✓ *Euthanasia* vs. destruction
- Add definitions
- Eliminate references to obsolete committee (*committee was removed by the Board of Supervisors in 1982*)
- Clarify rabies quarantine requirements



Dangerous Dogs

- Expanded definitions to include
 - ✓ *Potentially Dangerous*
 - ✓ *Vicious*
- Allows Hearing Officer discretion on conditions for release of dogs

Examples:

- ✓ Pen/enclosure design and requirements
 - ✓ Muzzle in public
 - ✓ Training program
 - ✓ Insurance
- Language does not require euthanasia of all dangerous dogs



Conclusion



- Amendments will help the continued promotion of responsible pet ownership.
 - ✓ *Scoop that Poop!*
- Public safety will be taken into consideration as revised dangerous dog article is implemented.
- Administrative guidelines will be developed for Hearing Officers .
- Recommendations conform to current California law and trends in animal care and control programs.



Questions?

