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Yolo County Board of Supervisors:

Changes are NEEDED for our Animal Shelter.

1) On-site Veterinarian together with Shelter Facility available to perform spays/ neuters free or very low cost for the community. This will more than pay for itself with fewer unwanted dogs and cats, and help with overcrowding by dealing with the source.

Also many animals brought to the shelter have immediate and ongoing veterinary needs.

2) Updated facility to accommodate more animals as our county has grown and continues to grow significantly larger than when it was built.

3) More paid or volunteer qualified trainers for animals up for adoption. The likelihood of animals succeeding in their adoptive homes increases in proportion to the amount of basic training and care they receive before they are adopted, as most of these animals are in the shelter as a result of unwanted behavior problems which came from a lack of training in their homes.

4) Facilities for large animals seized / re- located to the shelter.

As a retired Yolo County deputy sheriff, as well as someone who has adopted many animals from the shelter and successfully re-trained them so they could live happy lives as part of our family, I was exposed to the conditions many of the shelter animals experienced before they came to the shelter, as well as the shelter itself. The staff has always been dedicated and hard-working, often going above and beyond to help the animals. But need additional facilities and veterinary and training staff in order to serve the needs of our community.

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