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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP**

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MEETING DATE: 5.25.11

SUBJECT: Multnomah County Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

ANIMAL SERVICES

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: JON GRAMSTAD

ADDRESS: 1306 NE 153

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR. 97230

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503.421.2270 EVES: SAME

EMAIL: j.gramstad@comcast.net FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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TESTIMONY TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION  
FROM JON GRAMSTAD & BARBARA SPEARS 5/25/11

Jon Gramstad

I am here to speak for the thousands of Multnomah County citizens who are outraged by Multnomah County Animal Services record of failure and death. The public is demanding that this Commission replace it with a modern, sustainably funded agency which ends the killing of lost and homeless dogs and cats.

In my testimony from last week's hearing, I presented this Commission with two golden opportunities which will immediately improve the performance and by extension, the life-saving results at MCAS. One of those opportunities was the offer from The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon to collaborate on the implementation of a Trap-Neuter-Return (or TNR) program.

MCAS states that feral cats are inundating its facility and are responsible for its high cat/kitten kill rates. They state that Calgary Animal Services, the public animal agency model Gimme Shelter Portland suggests to replace MCAS' outdated model, has no feral cat problem. They seem to be unaware that Calgary employs an effective, aggressive TNR program which saves money by reducing feral cat intake.

As a TNR program renders the most immediate and positive results by reducing the killing, we would have assumed that MCAS would have accepted this opportunity for collaboration with FCCO which was presented to but never implemented by MCAS leadership.

When MCAS has an opportunity to collaborate on a successful program designed a nationally recognized partner, I can't for the life of me (or the life of 500 cats per year) understand why there would be such resistance to implementing it.

When MCAS leadership attends a professional Animal Shelter Conference, which they do every year at taxpayer expense, they learn that TNR is one of the most essential components of the standard animal services formula and is employed either as an in-house program or as a collaboration with an outside organization (think FCCO) in EVERY SUCCESSFUL AGENCY throughout this country. In each cost-benefit analysis, TNR is proven to save thousands of dollars now being spent to intake, house, assess and kill thousands of cats per year.

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MULT. CO. ANIMAL SERVICE

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: BARBARA SPEARS

ADDRESS: 3762 SE. MARKET

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OR. 97214

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503.421.3169 EVES: same

EMAIL: BARBARA.Spears@comcast.net FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Barbara Spears

TNR is one small, easy, non-confrontational, entry level program with DRAMATIC results. That MCAS leadership claims the problem but fails to employ a solution. *is unacceptable.*  
Currently, the only reference MCAS makes to feral cats, is a link to FCCO on its website and the FCCO pamphlet in its lobby.

As our elected officials, charged with the oversight and performance of this agency, you must ask yourselves, if MCAS is unwilling or unable to implement this easy, cost- effective, TNR program, then what else are they unwilling or unable to do?

Does this Commission have any interest in the FCCO offer? Has this Commission made any movements on this offer? What will it take to make this happen at MCAS? A directive from the Commission? Or a more raucous and aggressive public movement?

This agency is so insulated and disconnected from the community, it is unwilling to make even the simplest move towards carrying out its mandated responsibilities to a compassionate public, eager for, and now demanding change.

Now you know why we are here.

Now you know why we aren't going away.

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MULT. CO ANIMAL SERVICES

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Brenda King - OREGON Humane Society

ADDRESS: 1067 NE Columbia Blvd

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503 416 2994 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: SINCE 1868

HELP HOMELESS PETS WORK W/ ANIMAL CONTROL/SHELTERS  
NO ALLOCATE OVERLOAD

MISSION: PROTECT PEOPLE & PETS

GOAL: REDUCE EUTHANASIA OF HEALTHY PETS

REDUCE EUTHANASIA BY 98% WITH THE COALITION

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING PDX INNER AREA SHELTER

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: INCREASE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Lorraine Strahlmann

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Animal Shelter

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: DIAMOND CUT LOYALTY

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: Kim Singer

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Budget concerns

ve: MCA

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MORE CENTRALLY LOCATED  
SERVICES

VOLUNTEER CASAP.METLO.ORG  
COLLABORATE WITH AGENCIES

MISSION: BEST PRACTICES  
REDUCE EUTHANASIA  
PRACTICES

RED. 44% OVER LAST 4 YRS.

SPAY & SAVE GOAL 10K CATS  
DIO FOCUS ON PUBLIC ASSIST  
& / OR FOR FERAL CATS

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*Animal Control Budget*

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: *Joyce Briggs*

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHANGE NEEDED @ ANIMAL SERVICES

MCAS NOT WORKING

OPPOSED TO EUTHANASIA

OFFENDED H.S. CONSIDERS MULTCO  
A PROGRESSIVE SHELTER

ASKING FOR CHANGE IN THE AGENCY

ENDORSE GIMME SHELTER

ASK 2018 END KILLING OF  
HEALTHY TREATABLE ANIMALS

ASK FOR CHANGE IN OUR PHILOSOPHY

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FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Connie Theil

ADDRESS: animal control

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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A.O. Advisory Comm.

Dis. it HASN'T CHANGED OVER YEARS

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COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES - NO-KILL SHELTER

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: JONATHAN LOIHVES

ADDRESS: 65571 E. SANDY RIVER LAKE

CITY/STATE/ZIP: RHODODEVDON, OR 97049

PHONE: DAYS: (503) 803-7892 EVES: (503) 622-3482

EMAIL: VLLOHVES@MSN.COM FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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ANIMAL SERVICES

42% RANGE EUTHANIZED

ACCUSED M.O. OF INCREASING  
# EUTHANIZED

ANIMAL SERV. SHOULD REFLECT

HIGHER STANDARD / IDEAL

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Multnomah County Animal Services request: \$5.3 million

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ☒ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Vida Lohnes

ADDRESS: 65571 East Sandy River Lane

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Rhododendron, OR 97049

PHONE: (h) DAYS: 503-622-3482 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: vjlohnes@msn.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OPPOSED TO FUNDING FOR  
MULTCO ANIMAL SERVICES

LAST AUDIT 2002

# EUTHANIZED OUTRAGEOUS

ACCUSED M.O. OF SAYING TASK FORCE - 2000

RECOMMENDATIONS WERE UNREASONABLE