

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: "Tails of Marin" Marin County Animal Control Services & The Marin Humane Society

Report Date: April 7, 2008

Response By: Belvedere City Council

By: Jerry Butler, Mayor

### FINDINGS:

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1 through F9
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)**

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Recommendations numbered R2 & R5 have been implemented.

**(Attach a summary describing implemented actions.)**

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

**(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)**

- Recommendations numbered R4 require 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 \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

**(Attach an explanation.)**

Date: 4/4/08

Signed: 

## Recommendations

R2 – The county, Marin’s municipalities and MHS work to update their websites and public outreach materials to explain their cost sharing agreement and the relationships established by the Joint Powers Agreement.

**The City’s website contains information on the cost sharing agreement and the Joint Powers Agreement.**

R4 – The county and Marin’s other cities adopt measures similar to Novato’s progressive ordinances to control their unwanted cat population through mandatory micro-chipping and spaying or neutering.

**The City will consider an ordinance similar to Novato’s at its July 2008 City Council meeting. At that time, an analysis will be conducted as to whether the City has an unwanted cat population and thus justifies the adoption of the ordinance.**

R5 – The county, city and MHS staffs take appropriate steps to improve pet-owner compliance with all animal control, annual licensing and animal protection ordinances. These steps could include, but are not limited to: (1) holding public workshops; and (2) conducting intensive public education efforts.

**The City will continue to work with MHS staff to facilitate their involvement in public events for educational purposes. These include and will continue to include summer Concerts in the Park, City Open Houses, Emergency Preparedness Expos, and others. In addition, the City presently publishes and will continue to publish educational materials through its Electronic Newsletter.**



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June 2, 2008

The Honorable Verna Adams  
Marin County Superior Court  
PO Box 4988  
San Rafael CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge Adams:

Enclosed please find the City of Belvedere's response to the 2007-2008 Marin County Grand Jury's reports titled "Tails of Marin" Marin County Animal Control Services & The Marin Humane Society. This item was reviewed and considered by the Belvedere City Council at their May 12, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Please extend the City's appreciation to the 2007-2008 Grand Jurors for the important work they do on behalf of all of the citizens of the County of Marin.

Sincerely,



George J. Rodericks  
City Manager

Encl.

cc: City Council  
Roberta Robinson, Foreperson, Marin County Grand Jury  
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