

**THE CITY OF ELK GROVE RESPONSE
TO THE REPORT OF THE SACRAMENTO GRAND JURY**

To the Hon. James M. Mize Presiding Judge Superior Court of California County of Sacramento:	In re: City of Elk Grove Animal Services Sacramento Grand Jury Report June 30, 2008
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Whereas, the Sacramento County Grand Jury has directed the City of Elk Grove to provide comment to both the findings and recommendations to the Presiding Judge of the Sacramento Superior Court as required by Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05; and

Whereas, the Mayor of the City of Elk Grove has reviewed the report by the Grand Jury;

Now, Therefore, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove does hereby resolve and comment as follows:

Finding 1A. Comment: The City agrees with the finding. The review of the affidavit regarding the incident where the pit bull killed the cat while off its property was not handled within the timeframes required by the City's current ordinances. In addition, when the matter was set for hearing, the hearing should have been held even without the attendance or participation of the dog owner.

Finding 1B and Recommendation 1B. Comment: The City agrees. See Comment to Finding 1A.

The recommendation has already been implemented. Prior to the issuance of the Grand Jury report on June 30, 2008, the Animal Services department had implemented changes so that hearings regarding vicious animals are held with or without the presence of the animal's owner (in absentia).

Finding 2 and Recommendation 2A. Comment: The City agrees. At the time, there was no provision for immediate dispatch of an animal control officer when one animal attacked another.

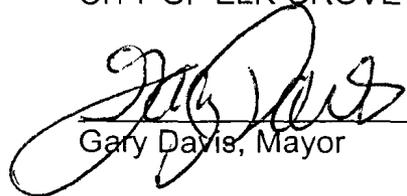
The recommendation will not be implemented as stated. Instead, the City of Elk Grove has already implemented changes to its protocols so that an animal control officer is dispatched whenever a report is received of one animal killing another. A request from the reporting party is not solicited nor required. Staff, including staff at the 911 dispatch center, has been trained on this procedure. In addition, staff duty times have been expanded to provide better coverage in

evenings and on weekends in order to respond to calls for service regarding animals.

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By my signature below, I submit this as the response of the City of Elk Grove pursuant to the Laws of the State of California.

August 27, 2008
CITY OF ELK GROVE



Gary Davis, Mayor