

From: Maggie [REDACTED]

To: michaelangelo.torres@sfdph.org

Sent: Wed 1/10/2024 6:48 PM

Subject: Comment for Jan 11 meeting

Hello, I cannot attend your meeting in person, so I would like to submit two comments here:

1. Regarding the wild parrots of San Francisco, they are frequently poisoned by the use of poison pellets placed out in the open on rooftops by city residents. Please consider, at the least, an educational campaign to reach city residents.
2. It's well past time for all municipal animal welfare agencies to remove the word "control" from their agency name. Please consider replacing the word "control" with "services."

Thank you,

Maggie [REDACTED]

From: Katherine [REDACTED]

To: michaelangelo.torres@sfdph.

Sent: Wed 1/10/2024 9:37 AM

Subject: Urgent call for the change to protect our four legged friends

Dear Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well. Today, I come before you with a heavy heart and a plea for change. For over a decade, a German Shepherd dog endured unimaginable suffering in my neighbor's backyard, and despite numerous complaints to ACC and Peta, justice was not served.

I personally witnessed the dog going without food for three days, enduring cold weather without shelter, and facing scorching heat without access to water. The heartbreaking moment when I saw him scavenging for food in garbage is etched in my memory. Despite my repeated efforts, ACC claimed they couldn't intervene, citing previous checks that apparently found nothing wrong. It became apparent that they were possibly being shown a different, healthier dog.

Desperate to save this innocent soul, I turned to our community, sharing pictures on Nextdoor in a desperate cry for help. It was disheartening to learn that, despite our collective efforts, the dog was euthanized on December 19, 2023. I spoke to Captain Rebecca, who confirmed the dire conditions the poor creature endured.

My sorrow deepens knowing that the negligent owners faced no consequences, no warnings, and retained custody of a second dog going through similar torment. I am here today not only to mourn the loss of this dog but to advocate for change. Our community deserves laws that empower us to protect animals from cruelty, even when they are considered property.

This is not just about one dog; it's about a call for systemic change. We need legislation that allows thorough investigations when multiple reports have been filed. No living being should suffer for over a decade without intervention. We must ensure that those who cannot care for their animals responsibly are not permitted to keep them.

I implore you to join me in demanding change. Let us raise awareness and work towards implementing laws that safeguard our furry companions. This tragedy may be behind us, but there are countless others still suffering in silence. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that no dog endures a fate like this again.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine [REDACTED]