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## **City Partners with Animal Coalition on Spay and Neutering Program**

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In an effort to increase the effectiveness of Animal Control's efforts in the City of Clearlake, the City participated in the annual Valentine's Dinner/Dance fundraiser held by Animal Coalition. Animal Coalition is a non-profit, 501(c)3 that operates in and around Clearlake and offers vouchers to residents to spay/neuter their animals. Two of Clearlake's goals are to become a safer city and to be a visibly cleaner city. "By working with Animal Coalition, we can ensure that more animals will be spayed or neutered in order to decrease our future pet population, thereby decreasing the animal control issues we are dealing with," stated City Manager Greg Folsom.

In June of 2017, Animal Coalition had started "A New Beginning", a program aimed specifically at providing assistance to animal issues in Clearlake. The Council was approached with a request to match their fundraising efforts in order to collaborate in the efforts to decrease future animal populations. On February 10, 2018 at the Animal Coalition dinner, Interim Chief Tim Celli, Vice-Mayor Phil Harris, and Mayor Bruno Sabatier presented Animal Coalition with a matching funds check for \$10,000 to bolster their "New Beginning" program.

"The City can't fix all of our animal control issues by itself, and this collaboration between Clearlake and Animal Coalition is exactly the type of relationship that can help us to be more successful," said Mayor Sabatier.



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