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## Ventura County Grand Jury Announces Release of its Report <u>Ventura County Animal</u> <u>Services Commission</u>

The Ventura County Animal Services Commission is an advisory board empowered to facilitate communication and collaboration between the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and the eight incorporated cities that contract with Ventura County Animal Services to provide animal welfare, control, shelter facilities, and field services.

The 2024-2025 Ventura County Civil Grand Jury identified concerns regarding the Ventura County Animal Services Commission's adherence to its bylaws, inconsistent meeting schedules, and ineffective communication. These and other issues have weakened the Ventura County Animal Commission's core mission: to advise, guide, support, and collaborate with Ventura County Animal Services.

The 2024-2025 Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Ventura County Animal Services Commission, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, and Ventura County Animal Services reinvigorate the scope, focus, function and effectiveness of the Ventura County Animal Services Commission.

To read the entire report, please go to https://www.ventura.org/grand-jury/fiscal-year-2024-2025/

The Ventura County Civil Grand Jury is a panel of 19 local citizens established to investigate public complaints about county, city or special districts management, practices and processes. More information about the Civil Grand Jury can be found at: <a href="https://www.ventura.org/grand-jury/">https://www.ventura.org/grand-jury/</a>