

## **HOPE ANIMAL-ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE**

### **Report of Animal Welfare Committee September 7, 2008**

#### **Committee Members:**

Chair: Claudine Singer  
Member: Roxanna Sanchez  
Member: Diane Valentine  
Member: Judy Johns (Certified Animal Safety Rep for American Humane)  
Ex Officio: Dave Valentine  
Advisor: Dean Cerf, DVM (Veterinary Consultant)

#### **Purpose of the committee:**

The purpose of the Animal Welfare committee is to research, create, and recommend to the Board of Directors policies for the humane care and treatment of HOPE AACR animals while on duty.

#### **Recent Activities**

As you know the Animal Welfare manual draft was delivered to the board during the annual meeting in June. Since that time we received revision input from some board members. These changes are now in work.

In addition, the committee is working on adding reference information to the manual. Other changes are being made to insure continuity and accuracy with the materials presented. These changes will be completed in October. A PDF copy of the revised manual will be made available to all board members for you to review.

#### **Pending Tasks**

A training Power Point presentation will be created so this material can be taught in each region. Work on this will begin once the manual revisions have been completed.

For the profound love of our canine partners and their unconditional devotion, I remain,

Pawsitively,

Claudine Singer  
Animal Welfare Chair

Prepared by Dave Valentine on behalf of Claudine Singer