

County-Wide Animal Shelter To Be Studied Monday By Board

By Norman Indahl

The board of supervisors will be asked Monday to help clear the way for the establishment of a county-wide animal shelter.

Two-part action sought from the board is consent to assign the lease on the H. O. Heiner facilities in DeLaveaga park to the Santa Cruz County Animal Welfare association and appoint a board representative to a study committee.

Supervisor Walter G. Merrill association agent, said he plans to make the request.

This week the Santa Cruz city council was asked to assign its share of the city-county lease to the association, but it held off action until April 28.

The plan for a central author-

ity to operate an animal shelter in DeLaveaga park calls for cities and county paying a portionate share of the operation.

Mrs. A. C. Engberg of Watsonville, association president, said there will be more uniformity if pound contracts are consolidated in one contract. Uniform enforcement of animal regulations will also be brought about if there is one set policy for cities and the county.

M. O. Heiner, representing the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, has made a tentative agreement to assign his lease and contract on the park shelter to the association, a non-profit corporation affiliated with SPCA and the humane society.

The re-assignment of the lease to the association must be approved by the city and county, co-holders in the pact.

City Attorney John Barber Jr. is checking to see if the city is entitled to drop the lease with Heiner and have it re-assigned to a non-profit organization. He plans to report at the April 28 session of the council.

A report is also due from Dr. Ted Foster, councilman appointed this week to study the county-wide authority.

Two recommendations have been made by the Santa Cruz park and recreation commission. They specify that the present animal shelter should not be expanded, and if a new structure is put up, it should be located in a more suitable location in the park.

Supervisor Chairman Francis Silliman and Merrill said they approve of the county assigning its share of the lease to the association.

Heiner is willing to sell the shelter facility to the association, Merrill reported.

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