

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

CITY OF AMARILLO

On this day of November 15, 2011, the Animal Control Board of the City of Amarillo, Texas, held a regular quarterly scheduled public meeting at City Hall, Commissioner's Chambers, at 11: a.m., with the following members in attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT TODAY	NO. MEETING HELD APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mrs. Tracy Dougherty	Yes	1	1
Mrs. Robin Clark	No	0	1
Mrs. Beth Marsh	Yes	1	1
Mrs. Natalie Harrison	Yes	1	1
Mr. Benjamin Pollard	Yes	1	1

NON-VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT TODAY	MO. MEETING HELD APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mike McGee, Director Animal Control	Yes	1	1
Shannon Barlow, Asst. Director Animal Control	Yes	1	1
Vicki L. Covey, Division Director of Community Services	No	0	0
Deree Duke, Director Environmental Health	Yes	1	1

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rose Marie Lomeli, Recording Secretary, Allison Gray, Raymond Chavez

Also, in attendance were the following:

Andrea Soliz, Deborah Hall, Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society, Karen Welch, Amarillo Globe News, Dr Brian Eades, City Commissioner

Tracy Dougherty, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. and established the quorum.

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

Tracy Dougherty asked for a motion for approval of minutes on March 27, 2008, motion made by Benjamin Pollard, seconded by Beth Marsh.

ITEM 2: Departmental Updates

Mike McGee, Director, discussed the new software programs, Amarillo Emergency Communication Center which is the new center downtown for all dispatchers and I/Leads which is the system we are using to enter all data for reporting purposes. Information Technology is working to adapt and re-develop this system for better reports and statistics hopefully by Feb-Mar 2012.

Shannon Barlow, Assistant Director, stated that Animal Control Officers and the Humane Society staff attended the Animal Cruelty and Investigation Class held in November 2011.

Ms Barlow stated our first dog related fatality on Oct 3, 2011 was ruled as an accident. An eleven day old infant was killed by the family dog. We have prepared brochures to hand out especially at hospitals and Safe Kids Coalition about how to introduce your new baby to the family pet.

Mike McGee stated that after speaking with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager on maintaining foster programs and allowing different agencies too get certificates of sterilization, lists have been provided by agencies for available foster parents. Texas Panhandle Pet Savers is trying to foster and spay/neuter as many animals as possible after their 72 hours is up. Flyers and cards have been prepared to get the community familiar with the nonprofit organizations. Mr. McGee and Ms. Barlow will travel to Austin to get an insight and tour of their shelter. Questions were asked concerning funding. Robin Cupell of TPPS has offered to raise funds to cover costs and Mr. McGee stated funds could also be available through grants.

ITEM 3: Update by Executive Director of the Amarillo Humane Society

Andrea Soliz, Director, spoke about the many different adoption programs that they have, such as Pet Express at the mall, Petsmart, Equine adoption, cruelty/injured animal services, rabies clinic, and pet sterilization programs.

ITEM 4: Consider a proposal from the Texas Panhandle Pet Savers for new programs too be implemented by the Animal Control Department.

Tx Panhandle Pet Savers Director Robin Cupell, proposed different ways on how to expand and promote adoption programs by posting photos of animals on various websites, volunteer programs to socialize animals, help in the operation of the shelter and a trap, neuter, release program for feral cats. She also suggested Saturday hours for the shelter which would be staffed by volunteers.

Board Chairwoman Tracy Dougherty, asked Animal Control staff too research programs and prepare recommendations for the board to consider at a February 7 meeting.

Mrs. Tracy Dougherty, Chairperson
Of the Animal Control Board

Rose Marie Lomeli, Secretary of
Animal Control Board