

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On August 5, 2015, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 12:00 p.m. in the Council meeting room to discuss the agenda, in the City Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

| VOTING MEMBERS | PRESENT | NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT | NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED |
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| Dr. Jim Cook, DVM | Yes | 11 | 9 |
| Andrea Slater Gulley | Yes | 11 | 11 |
| William Kearns | Yes | 0 | 0 |
| Dale Potter | Yes | 1 | 1 |
| Brooke Reeves | Yes | 11 | 10 |

Also in attendance were:

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| Bob Cowell | Assistant City Manager, City of Amarillo |
| Bryan McWilliams | City Attorney, City of Amarillo |
| Scott McDonald | Director, Building Safety, City of Amarillo |
| Richard Havens | Director, Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo |
| Jeffna Cox | Admin Tech, Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo |
| Elisa Yara | Office Manager, Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo |
| Jena McFall | Executive Director, Amarillo- Panhandle Humane Society |

ITEM 1: Call to Order. Andrea Slater Gulley established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 12:00 P.M. The approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, May 11, 2015: Motion was made by Brooke Reeves to approve and seconded by Sunny Hodge-Campbell and unanimously carried to approve such minutes as written.

ITEM 2: Presentation of Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society. Executive Director, Jena McFall presented results from July. APHS adopted out: 64 kittens, 17 cats, 92 puppies, 92 dogs, 3 Guinea Pigs and 1 pot bellied pig. There were 5 Adoption Options and 274 adoptions. The total amount that left to rescue: 245 animals (126 dogs, 68 cats, 48 puppies, 3 kittens). Total number: 519 (up 342 from 2014). Freedom Project account was depleted with adoption specials that were run July 23, 24, 25, and 27, 2015. Jena, commented that for every 40 adoptions the same amount of impounds come into the shelter on every given day. Jena commented on the Best Friends National Conference. The APHS' website will be upgraded. Jena and Robin learned marketing techniques (i.e. Instagram), looking to implement post adoption follow-ups, establishing play groups to help shelter dogs to be calmer and more adoptable. Looking for grant option assistance to get more cats adopted. Sunny Hodge-Campbell commented on the low number of Adoption Options. Robin Cupell spoke the to the Advisory Board about Brian Cordess, a speaker at the Best Friends National Conference and his stand on TNR programs while at the Best Friends National Conference. Robin feels City of Amarillo has the need of a TNR program.

ITEM 3: Presentation of Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Operations. Director, Richard Havens presented Shelter statistics:

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| January 866 (39.8%) | February 764 (46.5%) | March 1057 (42.5%) |
| 349 stray dogs | 338 stray dogs | 456 stray dogs |
| 257 stray cats | 210 stray cats | 307 stray cats |
| 210 donated | 73 donated | 230 donated |
| 50 bite cases | 43 bite cases | 64 bite cases |
| 84 reclaimed | 108 reclaimed | 138 reclaimed |
| 437 left through HS | 320 left through HS | 426 left through HS |
| 345 animals euthanized | 355 animals euthanized | 449 animals euthanized |
| April 992 (39.8%) | May 1159 (30.2%) | June 1214 (39.7%) |
| 369 stray dogs | 413 stray dogs | 397 stray dogs |
| 318 stray cats | 392 stray cats | 421 stray cats |
| 248 donated | 287 donated | 340 donated |
| 57 bite cases | 67 bite cases | 56 bite cases |
| 120 reclaimed | 120 reclaimed | 132 reclaimed |
| 477 left HS | 590 left HS | 588 left HS |
| 379 animals euthanized | 350 animals euthanized | 482 animals euthanized |

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| July 1194 (41.6%) | January 2015 to date: total intake (39.4% EU rate/ 60.6% live release rate) |
| 495 stray dogs | |
| 385 stray cats | 2817 stray dogs |
| 273 donated | 2290 stray cats |
| 41 bite cases | 1761 donated |
| 131 reclaimed | 378 bite cases |
| 519 left HS | 833 reclaimed |
| 497 euthanized | 3357 left HS |
| | 2857 animals euthanized |

Monthly statistics on calls and department activities

AM Officers

January 2295 calls for service
 February 2162 calls for service
 March 2651 calls for service
 April 2148 calls for service
 May 3609 calls for service
 June 3540 calls for service
 July 3033 calls for service

Live Release Rate Percentage Increase

October 1-Sept 30 (Fiscal YTD) 76.2% increase

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| | 2013 | 2014 |
| Reclaim | 1076 | 1118 |
| HS | 1945 | 4206 |
| Total | 3021 | 5324 |

Live Release Rate Percentage Increase

Jan 1-July 31 (Actual YTD) 95.2% increase

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| | 2014 | 2015 |
| Reclaim | 729 | 833 |
| HS | 1417 | 3357 |
| Total | 2146 | 4190 |

Director addressed the Adoption Option process and how sometimes it is more affordable to reclaim a large breed dog vs. adoption option. It is a diversion program that is offered to the public. The Advisory Board members asked questions on reasons for surrendered animals coming to shelter.

Department Organization Recruiting Update:

Assistant Director Position is still ongoing. Still taking applicants
 Veterinarian position has been filled and currently no official start date.

Ongoing operations and improvement at the shelter:

New contract with vendor to improve ingredient content for shelter food (deleted junk fillers that provide zero nutrients to shelter animals) and food is being metered out, which reduces the amount of waste (physical waste and unnecessary waste).

Plastic bowls have been replaced with stainless steel bowls in the cat rooms to prevent spread of disease/illness.

Signage posted for the public to stop petting the cats to help reduce the spread of disease.

Seasonal fluctuations: cleaning protocols are always under review and being adjusted to prevent illness/disease in kennels.

Starting vaccination on intake of Police Impound felines to prevent illness.

Resurfacing is ongoing process (Bldg A, C, D, and ½ Bldg B, starting on Bldg F are complete).

Chain link fence replacement is ongoing.

Old kennel feeders are being removed from the kennels.

Using flea and tick dip treatment for both cats and dogs on intake (kittens and puppies).

Bid for efface has been revised and released again for budget approval.

Positive air pressure fans and water mist system has been put in place and operational.

5 buildings with cellulose have been removed (Bldg C, D, E, F and Cat Room #2).

June 13, 2015, vaccination clinic was successful (24 FDRCP-cats; 22 leukemia-cats; 301 DAP-dogs; 65 Bordetella-dogs; 399 Rabies-dogs and cats; 58 microchips). Human vaccinations were a success; Health Department reported 35 humans received 55 vaccinations. They will continue to be present at future Rabies Clinics. Next appointed Rabies Clinic is September 19, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the North Hall and adding Human Blood drive (Coffee Memorial Blood).

Training is on course with staff at AM&W, working with Dee Burks, Training Coordinator for the City of Amarillo (Defensive Driving, Rabies Review, First Aid, AED training). AM&W and APD are coordinating training to bench mark with each other. Canine Training at Amarillo College is also being offered.

ASPCA is also going to offer training to our department and surrounding counties/cities in our area.

APHIS is also invited to attend any of the ongoing training. The 13th case of rabies in the region has been reported, an unvaccinated dog came in contact with a bat. The dog will be in a 90 day observation status. The Director ended with spay and neuter your pets message.

ITEM 4: Presentation by Jeff Konishi, Director of IT for City of Amarillo. Jeff confirmed the December rollout for MultiOps software. IT Dept is working out the other IT issues that AM&W is facing with the infra-structure currently in place at AM&W. Better internet service is currently being taken into account to increase connectivity for the public to access the department's website to help locate their lost pets.

ITEM 5: Discussion on a draft for the Pet Registration Ordinance and to also establish an Advisory Pet Registration Committee consisting of at least eight (8) and no more than ten (10) members to review and draft new and existing ordinances. Nominations will be given for board members to be appointed. Sunny Hodge-Campbell nominated Andrea Slater Gulley and Dale Potter to be board members for the Advisory Pet Registration Committee. The motion was seconded by Brooke Reeves. Burney Stokes was also recommended to be on the board to represent breeders along with including staff from APHS and AM&W department and a veterinarian to be on the Advisory Pet Registration Committee. There will be an update in January or February from the Advisory Pet Registration Committee.

Item 6: Discussion on future meeting dates presented by Andrea Slater Gulley, Chair Person of AM&W Advisory Board. The next Advisory Board Meeting will be November 2, 2015. Future scheduled dates for AM&W Board meetings will be scheduled monthly to every 2 months to eventually meeting every quarter.

Item 7: Discussion of items for next meeting agenda: Spay/neuter program implementation; pet registration discussion; ordinance updates/revisions. Work session for November Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for November 2, 2015.

Item 8: Public Forum

Tom Warren, 2000 South Hughes, 79103, addressed the Advisory Board with ideas of the utilization of Social media for AM&W Department. Recommended using Face book/social media to connect with Citizens to improve reclaim numbers. He has 22 years of non-profit board experience. Suggested that AM&W Department to establish a non-profit organization to host events. Mr. Warren submitted a hand- out explaining the ideas on how AM&W can utilize social media.

Debbie Tillman, 1721 Kirkland Drive, 79106, addressed the Advisory Board to modify/revise the Dangerous Dog Ordinance for previously deemed Dangerous Dogs to be removed from the Dangerous Dog List because of positive changed behavior. Debbie thanked the City Mgr, the City Council, the AM&W Advisory Board and AM& W Department for the positive changes.

Chris Brannigan, 8111 Alexandria, 79118, addressed the Advisory Board to modify/revise the Chicken Ordinance. He would like the revision to allow for home owners with less than 10, 000 sq ft to be allowed to have a set number of chickens. There is a movement for residents to own chickens for the purpose of teaching young children responsibility and health aspect of going "organic".

Shea White, 4212 Southwest 12th Ave, 79106, addressed the Advisory Board in support of Revising/modifying the Dangerous Dog Ordinance in support of Debbie Tillman's plight to remove her Dangerous Dog off the list. Ms. White addressed the importance of revisiting the ordinance's currently in place.

ITEM 9: Adjournment. There being no further business, Andrea Slater Gulley adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Secretary Office.


Andrea Slater Gulley, Chair Person

ATTEST:


Elisa Yara, Office Manager
Animal Management & Welfare Dept.