

**MINUTES**

On July 31, 2019, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 6:00 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. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Stacy Grant	No	01	00
Matt Hite	Yes	01	01
Dale Potter	No	14	11
Charlie Sanchez	Yes	01	01
Eddie Sauer	Yes	01	01
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	13	13

Also in attendance were:

Courtney White	Attorney I, City of Amarillo
Kathryn Wrubel	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Christy Fischer	Asst. Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kevin Moon	Field Services Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jeffna Cox	Administrative Tech, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Elisa Yara	Office Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Leigh Ann Briones	Volunteer Coordinator, City of Amarillo

**ITEM 1:** Chris Wrampelmeier, acting Chair, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 6:07 P.M. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, November 28, 2018, was made by Chris Wrampelmeier. The motion carried 4:0 with 1 absent.

**ITEM 2: Public Comment:**

**Alan Abraham, 7205 SW 35<sup>th</sup>, 79109**, present at Advisory Board to meet the new Director and introduce himself as AKC Panhandle Kennel Club member. The AKC Panhandle Kennel Club meeting will be held at the Civic Center in September. Mr. Abraham would like to extend an invitation to the new Director. He would like to know if the City made any commitments for funding of any sort for AM&W to help support the new Director? He would also like to know Director's view on euthanasia.

**Laura Hume, 7807 Legacy, 79119**, looking forward to new chapter of AM&W. Encourages bi-monthly Advisory Board Meeting. It has been 8 months since AM&W Advisory Board Meeting met. She is present to support new Director of AM&W.

**Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pineridge Drive, 79119**, welcomed new director to Amarillo. People are present to support and welcome Dr. Wrubel. She is excited to help improve the live release numbers for Amarillo. The Rescue community wants to help the overpopulation of animals in Amarillo. She would love to work with Director in regards to rescue/transport of animals out of Amarillo. Everyone wants to get along to work together for one purpose.

**ITEM 3:** Chris Wrampelmeier introduced Dr. Kati Wrubel to the Advisory Board and public. Dr. Wrubel gave her professional background and how she came to take the position of Director of Animal Management & Welfare for the City of Amarillo. She addressed her desire to improve our rescue /transport issues. She is looking forward to working with our community to help improve live release rate in Amarillo.

**ITEM 4: Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Update.** Christy Fischer addressed the updates going on at the Shelter. Two Adoption Specialists were hired to help out with Shelter adoptions. The Shelter reached out to partner with Pilots and Paws in pulling dogs 2-3 times a month to take back to St. Louis, MO. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, AM&W conducted a free microchip drive to target dogs/cats in zip codes, 79101, 79102, 79104 and 79107. The free microchips were made possible through a PetSmart Charities Grant. 750 dogs/cats were microchipped on July 13<sup>th</sup> with another 300 microchips still available. The Shelter will continue to microchip for free for those specific zip codes. On August 7, 2019, AM&W helped out in a Homeless Outreach program to micro chip and vaccinate pets belonging to homeless individuals in Amarillo. AMA-CON event is happening this weekend. This will be the second year the Shelter has participated in this event and been successful in pet adoptions. Christy also addressed the current shortage of Animal Management Officer Trainees. The training process is 2 months long before Trainees are able to be on their own. The Shelter has currently hired 7 Trainees for field operations.

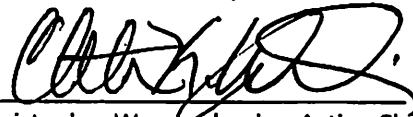
**ITEM 5: Discussion of future agenda items.** Advisory Board discussed the need for a vote for new Chair and Vice Chair, an update on the progress to the new Adoption Building. The Advisory Board

would like to get 2 meetings on the calendar to address the Breeder's ordinance. The Advisory Board would like the breakdown on staffing concerning AMO Trainees along with the number of current and projected staffing levels for the Shelter. The Board would also like to have a discussion on the cleaning protocols within the shelter.

**ITEM 6: Set schedule for future Advisory Board meetings.** Advisory Board suggested meeting the last Wednesday of the month with the need for Work Sessions to be held at 5:00 p.m. and Regular Sessions to be held at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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

  
Christopher Wrampelmeier, Acting Chair Person

ATTEST:

  
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Elisa Yara, Office Manager,  
Animal Management & Welfare Dept.