

MINUTES

On May 26, 2021, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:03 p.m. via Zoom to discuss the agenda. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Secretary Office.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Stacy Grant	Yes	08	06
Charlie Sanchez	Yes	07	06
Eddie Sauer	Yes	07	06
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	20	20

Also, in attendance were: Victoria Medley Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kris Schaffer Assistant Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Courtney White Assistant City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Laura Storrs Assistant City Manager, City of Amarillo
Ty Vernon Field Service Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jim Liggitt Compliance Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Elisa Yara Administrative Operations Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Alexis Scroggins Administrative Technician, AMW, City of Amarillo

Chris Wrampelmeier, Chair, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:03 P.M.

ITEM 1: Public Comment: None

ITEM 2: Minutes. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, March 31, 2021, was presented. The motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 3: AMW Activity Report PowerPoint

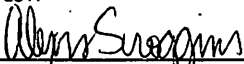
- A. **Activity Report for AMW.** Shelter numbers reflecting April 2019 vs. 2021. AMW took in 745 dogs and cats in April 2021. Adoptions were low in April 2021 due to no adoption staff. APHS helped the low adoption numbers with the amount of animals sent to rescue, which were 287 dogs and 145 cats for a total of 432 animals. There were 20 owner requested euthanasia animals. Adjusted Live Release rate is currently 83.7%.
- B. **Field Officer call snapshot.** An image of how many calls and animals were picked up for one day, 5/24/21. There was an increase in bite cases. In one shift, 14 dogs and one cat were brought into the shelters through the field officers only. There were a total of 64 calls.
- C. **Staff updates.** Outreach Manager, adoption coordinator, and weekend shelter supervisor positions had been posted. The outreach manager will oversee community outreach, including communications with other agencies and adoption campaigns, the adoption coordinator will be managing the social media for the department and doing the adoptions here at the shelter, and the weekend shelter supervisor will oversee the animal care workers. There was a staffing shortage of animal care workers, and the position had been reopened. Five Animal Management Officer trainees started on April 15, 2021, which brought the total number of Animal Management Officers to 15. At that time, the new Animal Management Officer trainees had gone through training with Amarillo Emergency Communications Center dispatch, Amarillo Police Department's academy instructors, and Wild West Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for appropriate handling of wildlife. Ty Vernon was announced as the new Field Services Manager.
- D. **Vet services updates.** We currently have two contracted veterinarians, Dr. Leah Lee and Dr. Sarah Giebel. Two Texas Tech veterinary technicians came to the shelter to assist with spays/neuters.
- E. **Community Outreach/Adoption Programs.** There were no community outreach or adoption staff. Kris Shaffer had a weekly adoption spot on The Eagle, as well as the adoption events at Amarillo libraries. Kris Shaffer and Ty Vernon, the new Field Services Manager, took employees out to Muttfest where a table was set up for the event. During Muttfest, 56 free microchips were implanted, 4 raffle items, and officer outreach. In June, we were the regional host for the Texas ACO certification training/testing.
- F. **Grant Opportunities.** The Petco Foundation partnered with AM&W for a new site called Petco Lost Love, which uses facial recognition to scan databases of participating shelters and rescues to let you know if a matching animal is located. AM&W was awarded a grant by the Petco Foundation, which will be used to upgrade AM&W's cat room. Merck donated \$250 for Muttfest.
- G. **AISD Student Intern.** The Amarillo Independent School District AACAL program has a certificate program for veterinary technicians. We will partner with them to assist the interns in receiving that certificate.
- H. **Rescue Group Meeting.** Tentatively set up for June 30, 2021 to discuss the rescue partner handbook.
- I. **Breeders Ordinance Update.** No applications have been turned in.

Item 5: Identify Future Agenda Items. The Advisory Board would like updates on Community Outreach when available, update on Breeders ordinance, Vet Operations, employee spotlight, updates with non- profit relationships, update on new board appointee, and discuss potentially moving meeting place to new service building at AM&W.

Item 6: Set Schedule for Next Advisory Board Meeting. Next Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting to be held July 28, 2021 at 5PM at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

ATTEST:


Alexis Scroggins, Administrative Technician, AM&W


Christopher Wrampelmeier, Chairperson