

MINUTES

On October 6th, 2021, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council meeting room located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Ave to discuss the agenda. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Secretary Office. Chris Wrampelmeier, Chair, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:10 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Stacy Grant	No	10	07
Charlie Sanchez	No	08	07
Eddie Sauer	Yes	09	08
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	22	22
Bethany Schilling	Yes	02	02

Also, in attendance:

Victoria Medley	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kris Shaffer	Assistant Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Ty Vernon	Field Service Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Brandi Bullock	Shelter Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jim Liggitt	Compliance Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kayla Sell	Outreach Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Alexis Scroggins	Administrative Specialist II, AM&W, City of Amarillo

ITEM 1: Public Comment: None.

ITEM 2: Minutes. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, October 6, 2021, was presented. The motion carried 3:0.

ITEM 3: AMW Activity Report PowerPoint

- A. **Shelter Update: Distemper Outbreak.** The shelter is still limited access and appointments are required to try to mitigate the amount of distemper exposure. In July, 40% of euthanasia were due to distemper which arrived mid-month. In August, it account for 41% of euthanasia and in September, distemper account for 36% of euthanasia. Dr. Kent Glenn from the TVMA Shelter Committee recently came out to discuss protocols. We passed our state shelter inspection with flying colors. Euthanasia due to distemper is starting to slow and we are starting to review the potential for reopening.
- B. **AMW Activity Report.** Shelter numbers reflecting 2019 vs 2021. Intake numbers for July 2021 included 782 cats and dogs. Our live release rate decreased due to the distemper outbreak to 59%, and adjusted being 61%. Intake for August 2021 includes 626 intakes and a live release rate of 46% with the adjusted rate being 48%. Intake for September 2021 includes 648 intakes and a live release rate of 54% with the adjusted rate being 58%. Discussed possibly adding an adjusted rate due to distemper.
- C. **Field Officer call snapshot.** An image of how many calls and animals were picked up for one day, 9/16/21. In one shift, 8 dogs and 6 puppies were brought into the shelter through the field officers only. A total of 62 calls were ran that day.
- D. **Staff updates.** New staff: Terri Shirley – Administrative Assistant IV, Jessica Tuz – Intake Specialist, Jace McCauley – Vet Tech, and Kalene Egedi – Vet Tech. Current positions posted: 8 Animal Care Worker positions, Administrative Technician, and 7 Field Officer Trainees. All field officers have passed the state ACO Certification Test and State Euthanasia Certification. Officers are staffed 7 am -10 pm with on call from 9 pm - 7 am.
- E. **Community Outreach/Adoption Programs.** Humane Education Program with St. Andrew’s elementary which will be for six months including the following lessons: Pawsitive Pet Ownership, Tails and Tales Reading Day, Pet Donation Drive, Poster Contest, Shelter Visit, and an end of program event. We are running a \$5 cat adoption special for October. We will also be at Hocus Pocus in the Park and we will be a guest speaker at a Kiwanis luncheon.
- F. **Shot Clinics.** Provided free DHPP and Rabies vaccines for over 1700 dogs. The event were August 14th at the Central Library for 485 dogs, August 21st at Dick Bivins Stadium parking lot

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for 500 dogs, and September 4th at Dick Bivins for 716 dogs. Donations came from both Amarillo National Bank (\$1,000) and Bissell Pet Foundation (2000 Parvo/Distemper vaccines and 2000 Rabies Vaccines). We had Volunteers from local Vet Techs, Students from West Texas A&M, Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, and AISD AmTech Career Academy. There is a potential for future clinics at a limited capacity such as possible pop up clinics although nothing has currently been settled.

- G. **Citizen Concerns.** Janda Raker was advised of what phone number to contact. Her other suggestion was to add signs and information to the website in regards to citations and ordinances. Signs are currently cost prohibitive, but the website has been updated. The Board has requested specific information added to the website on FAQ for how to handle a dog attack or what to do if cruelty is spotted.
- H. **Questions.** Chris Wrampelmeier inquired about how many officers are staffed on a given day with seven vacant positions. Dr. Bethany Schilling inquired about trapped cat protocols.

Item 4: Identify Future Agenda Items. The Advisory Board would like status updates on the distemper outbreak, staffing, veterinary services, community outreach, and adoption program as well as a walkthrough of the current website.

Item 5: Set Schedule for Next Advisory Board Meeting. Next Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2022 at 5PM at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

ATTEST:

Christopher Wrampelmeier,
AM&W Advisory Board Chairperson

Alexis Scroggins,
Administrative Technician, AM&W