Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

# September 22, 2015

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| Present: | George Webb, Tim Deck, Jenny Campbell, Shafonda Davis, Christy Malott, Susan Teer, Joyce McKinney, Susan Thompson, Sue Darling, Sarah Reichman, Brittany Edwards, Kay Bishop(missing: Marie Inserra, Wendy Jacobs) |
| Next meeting: | November --, 2015 at 7:00pm |
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## Approval of Minutes: The Committee agreed to defer approval of the January 2015 minutes until the next meeting. The May 2015 minutes were approved unanimously with one spelling correction.

## Animal Services Report (Deck)

Officer Deck shared August statistics with the Committee. 1095 calls came into Animal Services; Animal Services responded in an average of 34 minutes. 265 animals were impounded in August. The response time has remained static. The Healthy Animal Response Initiative has begun, and five animals have already been returned in the field, preventing the need to bring them to the shelter. World Rabies Day is September 28th, so Animal Services, the APS and the Health Department are working together to offer free one-year rabies vaccines, free micro-chipping of animals, and free ID tags. The services will occur between 8:30am and 4:30pm. A large turnout is expected, and it is open to Durham County residents only. Volunteers are needed to be runners and greeters.

## Shelter Update (Davis)

August 2015 statistics were reviewed by the Committee. Free and reduced spay services are offered to the community this Friday, and slots are full. There are four dates scheduled for this year for Durham County residents only. APS is working with Animal Services and the Health Department to provide free services on World Rabies Day (see above). The Gala is on November 21, 2015; tickets are $125 dollars. The Committee discussed the ordinance that requires Durham County residents to bring lost animals to the Animal Shelter.

## Old Business (Campbell)

The Feral Cat sub-committee has met and provided a brief update to the Committee. There is a document that represents the sub-committee’s collective thoughts and a Dropbox folder that contains resources for the Committee to review. The Committee agreed to review the documents and resources and discuss at the next meeting.

## New Business (Campbell)

Ms. Jacobs presented via email a nuisance complaint that has come to the attention of the County Commissioners: the lack of an ordinance to require pet owners to clean up their animals’ feces. Officer Deck shared with the Committee the laws that address this specific issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.