Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

# November 25, 2014

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| Present: | George Webb, Susan Thompson, Marie Inserra, Tim Deck, Sue Darling, Kay Bishop, Jenny Campbell, Shafonda Davis, Wendy Jacobs, Christy Malott, Susan Teer, Sarah Reichman, Amanda Arrington, Lori Hensley  (missing: Oakley, Kerr, McKinney) |
| Next meeting: | January 27, 2015 at 7:00pm |
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## Approval of Minutes: Mr. Webb moved to approve the September minutes; Ms. Darling seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## Animal Services Report (Deck)

The Committee reviewed Sheriff’s Department statistics. The Rabies Clinic was held and was successful with a higher than average number of animals vaccinated. BLE training will be completed by more officers in January.

The Committee discussed the need for tracking statistics related to rabies vaccinations and reporting it to the Board of County Commissioners.

## Shelter Update (Davis)

The Shelter raised $129,000 at the APS Gala this past weekend. APS was added to County Cares which has benefitted APS. There is a Santa Paws fundraiser between Dec 5-7; appointments need to be scheduled with the photographer. All money raised will be given to the shelter. The holiday mailing went out today. Any time a person donates $250 or more, the shelter will provide a letter and a bear for a child at Duke Hospital.

October statistics were reviewed by the Committee. APS was very active in the month of October in an effort to get animals adopted. Microchips were given out to 150 animals from a fund established in Christine Danko’s honor. Funds from the APS and the Becky Heron fund have helped people pay the cost of getting animals out of the shelter when they are unable to pay. The new development team has been working hard and has been very helpful.

## Old Business (Campbell)

The committee reviewed the draft of Bylaws and discussed changes, including additional descriptions of members and the submission of an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners. The Committee agreed to review the changes and consider approval at the next meeting.

## New Business (Campbell)

A. Amanda Arrington with the Coalition to Unchain Dogs and with Pets for Life spoke with the Committee about what each organization does. The Committee discussed ways that the community can fund low cost spay/neuter clinics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.