

Durham County Animal Services Advisory Board Minutes of the Meeting of July 26, 2016

Present: Committee Members; Sue Darling, Kay Bishop, Shafonda Davis,

Tim Deck, Cathi Hines, Jenny Campbell, Susan Teer, Marie Inserra, Shannon McCabe

Community Members: Sarah Riechman

Next Meeting: September 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm at APS Shelter

Minutes taken by Sue Darling

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Item I - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 5/24 were approved.

Item II - Animal Services Report

Lt. Deck reported the Sheriff's Office received 1110 calls for animal services with an average response time of 33 minutes. Two hundred forty-eight animals were impounded. One hundred five animals have been returned in the field thus far in the Healthy Animal Services Initiative.

Last Wednesday, the Sheriff's Office teamed up with the Coalition for Unchained Dogs and transported animals in the new van for free spays and neuters. World Rabies Day is September 28th. The Sheriff's Office and shelter will hold the All Durham Rabies Day event on September 24, 2016, offering free rabies vaccinations. North Carolina State University vet school is donating the time and energy of 20 students and vets to offer in addition to rabies vaccinations, free flea and heartworm medications, wellness exams/summaries, and chips. The event will probably be held at the Holton Resource Center on Driver Street. Tamara Gibbs, the public information officer, is handling the marketing of this event.

Lt. Deck is researching a question on the budget and potential amendments.

Item III - Shelter Update

Shafonda reported there were 480 animals taken in this year in June, and 476 last June. Intake was 471 this year in May, and 476 last May. Returns remain about the same with the figure for June this year being 59, and 60 last year. The May figure this year is 66, and 64 last year. The shelter provides free tags on redemption of an animal.

This year, APS participated in the National Clear the Shelter Event, with a good turnout. Sixty dogs, 28 cats, and three rabbits were adopted. This cleared the shelter at the time with the exception of two animals, both of which have been subsequently adopted. The APS and Board are awesome, planning for this multi-agency event for over two months. Fees were paid by APS.

The Safety Net Program is still in effect to keep animals in their homes.

Item IV – Old Business

Feral Cats: Marie Inserra will get the code, and this issue is tabled until next meeting.

Dog Bites: Jenny Campbell contacted Risa Sayre, but Ms. Sayre did not supply her slide show regarding dog bites.

Redemption Fees: Lt. Deck will address this at the next meeting.

Signs for Vendors: The committee will channel its energy into education and outreach to inform public that private trapping is illegal.

Item V - New Business

It has been suggested that the Board of Commissioners be made aware of the activities and successes of the APS. There was a general discussion about the budget, and about the potential for a regular reporting to the Board, perhaps annually, which could be made a part of the bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.