

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Meeting minutes from Tuesday November 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00 pm.

NEWS AND UPDATES:

Animal Services Update

Lt Deck provided the Animal Services update:

For October:

Deputies responded to 1015 calls

The average response time was 50 minutes

Historical average has been 950-1200 calls per month, though the appears to be slightly lower this year

Animal Services participated in the October 28 rabies day event. (See the update below)

Animal Services participated in filming for an upcoming episode of the TV series "Shelter Me". The TV premier of this episode is expected in February.

Notes from the meeting with command staff:

- 4 extra positions were requested for the next fiscal year
- Grant from ASPCA is running out Dec 31st (pet retention grant)
 - The money from this grant provides items to help keep families from surrendering their pets
 - Expecting to request \$25,000 from the county to continue this program

Animal Protection Society (APS) update

Shafonda Davis provided the APS update

APS provided multiple types of assistance to needy Durham County residents to help them keep their pets. This includes:

57 harnesses

100 leashes

120 collars

APS aided in arranging to get 99 animals sterilized

Pet food was provided to families in need. The APS is currently committed to helping 15 families

27 families were proved with additional assistance

219 animals were either adopted, sent to rescue, or returned to their owner in October.

APS donated microchips for the Rabies Day event (See update below)

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1290 hours were logged by volunteers in October

Movers for Mutts was in October. Local moving company **Two Men and a Truck** generously paid to cover all adoption fees for this event.

\$113,000 was raised at the annual Tails at Twilight Gala.

Upcoming:

- December 3, 2017: Paws & Claws event where people can get their pet's picture taken with Santa to support the APS.
- December 8, 2017: Microchip Day, provided by Durham County

Rabies Day Event – October 28, 2017

Over 70 volunteers participated from Animal Services, APS, the Durham Health Dept, and local Veterinary practices including Dr Carter from SNAP and Dr. McKinney from Colony Park Animal Hospital

Services were provided for a total of 442 animals.

- 352 animals received rabies vaccines
- Over 300 received parvo and distemper vaccines (ran out of vaccines)
- 283 microchips were implanted
- 339 ID tags were provided
- 27 vouchers were given for animals too young to receive rabies shots
- Volunteers from the NC State School of Veterinary Medicine performed over 356 wellness exams

OLD BUSINESS

There is still some confusion in the community about the animal waste ordinance. Animal Services is working to help people to understand that proper evidence is needed before any type of enforcement can be implemented.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the county ordinance currently allows for an electronic leash to be used. This was initially believed to be incorrect but further checking found that changes were made in the leash law when the anti-tethering ordinance was implemented. These changes did include allowing for an electronic leash.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8:00 pm.

In attendance:

Kate Bremser, Brittany Edwards, Cathi Hines, Heidi Carter, Shafonda Davis, Joyce McKinney, George Webb, Shafonda Davis, Shannon McCabe, Tim Deck, Anissa Litwin