

## Durham County Animal Services Advisory Board Minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 2017.

Present: Committee Members; Sue Darling, Shafonda Davis, Tim Deck, Cathi Hines, George Webb, Kate Bremser.

Community Members: Sarah Riechman

Next Meeting: July 25, 2017 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 September 27, 2016 were not yet approved. The minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2017 were approved.

### Item II - Animal Services Report, Sheriff's Report

Lt. Deck reported the Sheriff's Office received 984 calls for services in April, 2017, with a response time of 36 minutes, and resulting in 232 impounded animals. Thirteen community events were attended.

Rabies season is coming up. Eleven animals were picked up in April, 8 tested, and one positive animal (skunk). There were 4 positives for the months of February, March and April, combined.

The Sheriff's request for four new people is still alive. However, the county manager has recommended none. The Sheriff's Dept has added no new positions since 2005, but has increased hours from 40 to 108 hours per week since that time. Under these circumstances there is no opportunity for relief for officers. Burn out and safety are factors. The Unit cannot pull officers from outside Animal Services for various reasons.

Sheriff's office did their first fence job on April 18 as part of the Healthy Animal Initiative. A fence video is posted on Facebook and 2 more fence jobs are already scheduled for June 5, 2017.

Presentation to Commissioners is now set for June 5, 2017. June 6 is the Manager's budget meeting.

### Item III - Shelter Update

Shafonda indicated that all is going well at the shelter. Live releases were 62.1%. There were 400 incoming, 54% of which were strays. The shelter is providing free microchips and name tags. Adoptees returned consisted of 181 animals. The shelter did 3 Spay Days, where the procedures were done either free or with a \$20 donation, Another Spay Day is set for June. During Rabbit Adoption Week, rabbits are all spay/neutered for a \$10 fee and guinea pigs for \$5. August is Clear the Shelter Day, which is a national event. The cost for the last Clear the Shelter campaign cost was \$12,000. APS will solely sponsor the event.

APS receives \$647,000 from the County each year. Actual costs come to \$1.5 million and APS covers the balance. (501c3) Shelter staff and animals are at the shelter 365 days a year. On Sundays, the animals get out of the shelter on events and weekend fosters. We have a full-time behavioral manager now,

Item IV - Old Business - *NONE.*

Item V - New Business

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.