

Durham County Animal Services Advisory Board

Minutes of the Meeting of July 24, 2018

Present: Committee Members; Sue Darling, Heidi Carter, Joyce McKinney, Willie Darby, Kate Bremser, Shafonda Davis, Cathi Hines, George Webb, Shannon McCabe, Wendy Pinner, Annika Hugosson, Leah Santeelli..

Community Members: Reid Barbour

Next Meeting: September 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm at APS Shelter

Minutes taken by Sue Darling

Item I - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of March 27, 2018 were approved. There was no quorum for the May meeting.

Item II – Animal Services Report

Lt. Deck was not present. Wendy Rinner appeared for him.

Item III – Shelter Update

Intake was down, 100 fewer than last year. Adoptions were up, euthanasias down, and adopted/returned was 298. “Pick Your Own Price” event resulted in 130 cat adoptions. The foster kitten program involved 175 kittens. Adoption events for cats are sponsored by Barnes Supply on 9th Street. Regulator Book Store has events for cats on Sundays. There will be an event on August 26, 2018 at 21C Museum Hotel; \$85,00 per person. The spay/neuter program performed nearly 500 services for \$20.00 each last fiscal year. APS hopes to increase this 25% this year.

Item IV – Old Business

The issue of electronic devices will be tabled until 9.25.18.

Item V - New Business

Reid Barbour appeared on behalf of himself and the Olin Shepard family. A discussion was had about the hours the shelter is open. Mr. Barbour points out that the shelter is open only for four hours on the weekends. Extending weekend hours is problematic due to the increased costs that would be incurred.

Mr. Barbour also expressed concern about the “bite quarantine policy” for dogs. His concern is that the ten-day period results in what amounts to a ten-day period of isolation for the dogs. After lengthy discussion, the Committee confirmed that while the ten-day period may not be optimal for the dog, it is reasonable for the public health, and necessary under the law.

The Committee thanks Mr. Barbour for his contribution to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15.