

Durham County Animal Services Advisory Board Minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 2017

Present: Committee Members; Sue Darling, Shafonda Davis, Tim Deck, Cathi Hines, Jenny Campbell, Susan Teer, Marie Inserra, Shannon McCabe, Joyce McKinney, George Webb,

Community Members: Sarah Riechman

Next Meeting: March 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm at APS Shelter

Minutes taken by Sue Darling

Item I - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2016 were not yet approved. There was no quorum present for the meeting of November 29, 2016. *The minutes of 7/26/16 were approved.*

Item II - Animal Services Report, Sheriff's Report

Lt. Deck reported the Sheriff's Office received 1,277 calls for animal services in 2016 with an average response time of 36 minutes. There were 2,686 incident reports. Out of the 1,277 calls, 1,204 were abuse calls. Rabies vaccinations were up 9 ½ % at 1428. There were 164 investigations for rabies; 106 were tested; 10 were positive for rabies, which is the same as the year before. Animal Services impounded 2,686 animals; 1,600 dogs, 800 cats, and remaining other. One hundred thirty animals were returned in the field in the Healthy Animal Services Initiative. Surrender calls were down two-fold from the previous year. There were 389 Healthy Animal Services Initiative calls, and 195 items were given away. Requests for trappings numbered 259; a total of 344 animals were caught.

Sheriff's Department equipment is satisfactory, but they are hoping for four new positions. There are 132,000 dogs and 151,000 cats in Durham County. The Animal Pet Industry figure for 2015 was \$62 billion, which includes food and vet care for dogs and cats.

Item III - Shelter Update

Shafonda provided Asilomar reports and kennel statistics, which were distributed at the meeting and are attached to the minutes. The December adoption rate was up at 80.9% largely because of the Secret Santa Project. The yearly figure was 53.3 %, which is also good,

Last Saturday a puppy was stolen from the Shelter. This was reported to the sheriff. The shelter wants the puppy back. The Shelter will invest in security cameras. The shelter walk will be scheduled soon, There are two new employees at the shelter. Shelly Smith is the Events and Communication person; Annika Hoggason is the Volunteer Manager.

Item IV – Old Business

There was a reiteration of the issue of the Commissioners being made aware of the activities and successes of the APS by way of a regular report. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Item V - New Business

Shannon McCabe was nominated as the new chairperson. The motion was seconded and passed.

Marie Anserra indicated there are three current available seats on this board. Joyce McKinney (APS appointment) would like to remain on this board. Shafonda will write the Board requesting she be reappointed to her seat. Kay Bishop (Sheriff's appointment) is not requesting to remain. Marie indicated she believes someone has applied for this seat. Jennifer Campbell (County appointment) is seeking reappointment.

There was a motion made to remove term limits on this board as well as that of the Dangerous Dog Board. The motion was not seconded.

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