

Durham County Animal Services Advisory Board Minutes of the Meeting of March 28, 2017.

Present: Committee Members; Sue Darling, Shafonda Davis, Tim Deck, Cathi Hines, Jenny Campbell, Susan Teer, Marie Inserra, Shannon McCabe, Joyce McKinney, George Webb. Kate Bremser, new veterinarian. Heidi Carter, County Commissioner.

Community Members: Sarah Riechman

Next Meeting: May 23, 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. There was no quorum present for the meeting of November 29, 2016. The minutes of the meeting of 11/24/17 were approved with the following correction. The figure in the Animal Services Report for incoming should be 12,770, not 1,277.

Item II - Animal Services Report, Sheriff's Report

Lt. Deck reported the Sheriff's Office received 923 calls for services in February, 2017, with a response time of 35 minutes, and resulting in 180 impounded animals. This week a television crew is in town to film a TV show called "Shelter Me" for PBS. The film features the Coalition for Unchained Dogs, the shelter, and the Sheriff's Department, working together.

The Sheriff's Office is optimistic about receiving four new positions.

Shelly Smith will do a press release on, and post on Sheriff's Office facebook page, announcements on the Initiative and the "Shelter Me" special. And will advertise for events such as Spay Day, etc.

Item III - Shelter Update

Shafonda indicated that animals will be available for adoption at the following locations: Dogs at Beer Durham, Cats at Regulator; Dogs and Cats at Macy's on Mondays; Dogs at Oliver's Collar. We have a partnership with Tyson Animal Hospital. The shelter has had 60% live release of all incomings. We have zero cats at the shelter as of today. The stolen dog has been returned and adopted back to the original adopter.

On April 20, 21 and 22, a local high school will produce a student musical production of "Legally Blonde" starring Durham's own Chihuahua, to play the part of "Bruiser".

Our annual walk is set for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Item IV – Old Business

This advisory board will provide to the Commissioners annually information on shelter and animal services updates and new events. At a nighttime meeting, a 15 minute presentation will be made by Shannon McCabe, Shafonda Davis, and Lt. Deck tentatively on May 8, 2017. The plan is to have video clips, a brochure, and perhaps to bring a dog to the meeting. Heidi will get with Wendy Jacobs on this.

#### Item V - New Business

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