

DURHAM COUNTY ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of May 28, 2019

Present: *Committee Members:* Marianne Bond, Kate Bremser, Shafonda Davis, Tim Deck, Joyce McKinney, Joy Nolan, Jan Paul. Also present was Willie S. Darby, Senior Assistant County Attorney. *Community Members:* Mary Purcell and Susan Teer, APS Board Members; Anissa Litwin and Sarah McDonald.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at APS Shelter

Item I - Approval of Minutes and Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Committee Secretary Jan Paul at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2019, were approved. Attendees introduced themselves. The APS Shelter tour for Committee members will be rescheduled.

Item II – Animal Services Report

Capt. Tim Deck, Durham County Sheriff's Office, reported that there were 996 service calls during April 2019, with an average response time of 36 minutes. The trend is upwards from the 900 calls during March.

Tomorrow at 1:00 p.m., Durham County Sheriff Clarence Birkhead will present the DSCO's proposed budget to the County Commissioners and County Manager. One of the Sheriff's highest priority requests is for 4 positions for Animal Services, adding one position per squad in order to allow for quicker response after hours and on weekends as well as to prevent overtasking the current deputies, who often must provide coverage on their days off and to expand the DCSO's community outreach programs, including the Healthy Animal Initiatives. The Sheriff is looking to schedule modification and other alternatives if the position requests are not approved. Currently, it takes 80 minutes to fully process bite and impound calls, with Animal Services responding to 30-40 calls per shift.

Microchip Day will be on June 28th at 3005 Glenn Road from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., on a first-come, first-served basis. Rabies vaccinations will also be available. The DCSO will be transitioning to new the new PetLink registry chips. Shafonda Davis remarked that the shelter has requested 400 chips for use during the Check the Chip, Bark in the Park, and APS Walk events.

Item III – Shelter Report

Shafonda Davis, APS Executive Director, that the APS Walk for the Animals event on May 25th resulted in APS surpassing its \$80,000 goal, reaching a total of \$83,783. The Behavior Team brought in \$8,500 for the Walk, with Colony Park Vet bringing in \$6,500. Joyce McKinney made a wonderful rap video on site. The shelter's buy-one, get-one-free cat adoption event will occur over the next three days. June will be "Pick Your Price Cat Adoption" month; The November Tails at Twilight benefit gala, of which Susan Teer is chair, welcomes donated items for the raffle.

Ms. Davis next provided a report on intake and outcome statistics and euthanasia reasons (attached to minutes and incorporated herein by reference). The intake report is attached and incorporated by reference into the minutes. The April intake of 361 represents a decrease of 3 animals over the prior month. No animals were euthanized for lack of space. Spay/neuter initiatives are contributing to this success. It is encouraging that although the community continues to grow, animal intake numbers are down. Microchipping is an excellent way to return animals to their homes without ever having to enter the shelter. A discussion ensued, with concerns expressed that some landlords and Homeowners' Associations will not allow pit bulls, resulting in many owner surrenders due to housing issues. Stakeholders are interested in planning and starting an educational program relating to breed-specific bans. Foster care programs are helping with kittens. The shelter does not take in wildlife; wildlife intake assistance for the Sheriff's Office is provided by OurWildNeighbors in Hillsborough and by other local wildlife rehabilitators. The Intake/Outcome/Euthanasia report is attached and incorporated by reference into the minutes.

The total number of volunteer hours in April was 2,480.27, representing a 71.40% increase over the same month in 2018. This figure does not represent the volunteer hours from the Walk, or what was donated by veterinary partners. Durham is seeing an excellent community response.

Item IV – Old Business

Following up on the discussion at the March meeting that the Committee's bylaws reflect its name a "Animal Welfare Advisory Committee," but the County website and member oaths show, "Animal Services Advisory Committee," Committee counsel Willie Darby will look into having the county commissioners consider a curative resolution, reflecting the name as it appears in the bylaws.

Item V – New Business

The members discussed the need to have meeting reminder notices sent out. Committee Secretary Jan Paul will send out a Doodle poll to ascertain the best time for the rescheduled shelter tour to occur.

APS received a \$25,000 grant from PetCo for its lifesaving efforts.

Item VI – Public Comments

A question was raised concerning publishing the Committee minutes on the County website. The March minutes were approved during the current meeting, and will be submitted to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for posting. The past secretary will be contacted about submitting the minutes of the January meeting to the Clerk to the Board. A question also arose as to whether APS/Animal Services provides lists to members of the public relating to affordable veterinary services, such as spay/neuter and rabies services. It is not appropriate for either entity to make specific referrals, but, as a courtesy, the shelter maintains a list of all licensed veterinarians in Durham County, and some in adjacent counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Perrin Paul, Secretary
<Attachments>

Intake Statistics

There were a total of 3880 animals brought into the shelter from 7/01/18-04/30/19

- Dogs— 2082
- Cats - 1407
- Others - 391

Intake by percent

54% dogs 36% cats 10% other

Intake percentage by reason

- 52% Strays
- 30% Owner Surrenders
- 4% Bite/Evictions/Police Requests
- 3% Returns
- 4% Euthanasia Requests/ Disposal for Public
- 6% Rabies Investigation
- <1% Injured Wildlife
- <1% Livestock
- <1% Transfers

From 7/01/17-04/30/18 there were 3630 animals brought into the shelter.

Dogs - 2065

Cats - 1365

Others - 200

- 57% Strays
- 29% Owner Surrenders
- 6% Bite/Eviction/Police Request
- 3% Euth Requests/Disposals
- 1% Rabies Investigation
- 4% Returns
- <1% Injured Wildlife
- <1% Livestock
- <1% Transfer

Outcome Statistics

3927 animals left the shelter by adoption, euthanasia, rto, rescue, or natural death from 7/01/18-04/30/19

- Dogs - 2064
- Cats - 1466
- Other - 397

Outcomes by percentage

- 39% Adoption

- 6% Transferred / Rescued
- 41% Euthanasia
- 11% Returned to owner
- 3% Died Natural Causes/ Disposal for Public/Escaped

2212 adopted, rescued, transferred or returned home

Outcome Statistics for 7/01/17-04/30/18

3654 animals left the shelter

- 39% Adoption
- 6% Rescued/Transferred
- 40% Euthanized
- 13% Returned to Owner
- 2% Disposal/Died

Euthanasia Reasons

There were a total of 1609 animals euthanized in our shelter from 7/01/18-04/30/19. These were the reasons by percentage

- 32% Behavior Observed/ History
- 38% Medical
- 15% Feral Cats
- 14% Rabies Suspect
- 1% Age

7/01/18-04/30/19 Raw Numbers

- 1531 Adopted
- 231 Rescued/Transferred
- 1609 Euthanized
- 450 Returned to Owner
- 106 Died by Natural Causes/ Disposal for Public/Escaped

7/01/17-04/30/18 Raw Numbers

- 1443 Adopted
- 201 Rescue/Transferred
- 1460 Euthanized
- 478 Returned to Owner
- 72 Disposal/Died

Intake Statistics

There were a total of 361 animals brought into the shelter in the month of **April 2019**

- Dogs - 206
- Cats - 117
- Others - 38

Intake by percent

57% dogs 32% cats 11% other

Intake percentage by reason

- 51% Strays
- 30% Owner Surrenders
- 4% Bite/Evictions/Police Requests
- 3% Returns
- 3% Euthanasia Requests/ Disposal for Public
- 5% Rabies Investigation
- 2% Transfer
- 1% Injured Wildlife
- <1% Livestock

In **April 2018** there were 364 animals brought into the shelter.

Dogs - 191

Cats - 151

Others - 22

- 56% Strays
- 30% Owner Surrenders
- 4% Bite/Eviction/Police Request
- 5% Returns
- 4% Euth Requests/Disposals
- 2% Rabies Investigation
- <1% Injured Wildlife
- <1% Livestock

Outcome Statistics

326 animals left the shelter by adoption, euthanasia, rto, rescue, or natural death in April 2019

- Dogs - 209
- Cats - 84
- Other - 33

Outcomes by percentage

- 37% Adoption

- 10% Transferred / Rescued
- 14% Returned to owner
- 37% Euthanasia
- 3% Disposal for Public/Died

195 adopted, rescued, transferred or returned home

Outcome Statistics for April 2018

298 animals left the shelter in the month of April 2018

- 43% Adoption
- 9% Rescued/Transferred
- 10% Returned to Owner
- 36% Euthanized
- 2% Disposal/Died

Euthanasia Reasons

There were a total of 120 animals euthanized in our shelter in the month of **April 2019**. These were the reasons by percentage

- 43% Behavior Observed/ History
- 30% Medical
- 12% Feral Cats
- 16% Rabies Suspect

April 2019 Numbers

- 119 Adopted
- 31 Rescued/Transferred
- 45 Returned to Owner
- 120 Euthanized
- 11 Disposal for Public/Died

April 2018 Numbers

- 129 Adopted
- 27 Rescue/Transferred
- 29 Returned to Owner
- 108 Euthanized
- 5 Died/Disposal

Volunteer Report

April 2019

VOLUNTEER: Hours summary and discussion

Place	Assignment	Apr 2018 Hours	Apr 2019 Hours	Change
Behavior Team	Behavior Evaluations	63.75	51.75	-18.80%
	Dog Play Group	39.5	55.23	39.80%
Total		103.25	106.98	+3.60%
Volunteer Training	Cat Volunteer Training	8.25	22.5	172.70%
	Dog Volunteer Training	37	94	154.10%
	Volunteer Trainer	26.63	29.5	10.80%
Total		74.38	146	+96.30%
Shelter Jobs	Administrative Assistant	33.33	27.83	-16.50%
	Cat Care	185.47	446.32	140.60%
	Dog Care	807.43	1,483.55	83.70%
	Front Desk	15	10.25	-31.70%
	Laundry/Housekeeping	17.67	29.83	68.90%
	Lobby Greeter	7.25	0	-100.00%
	Medical Assistant	0	35	100%
Total		1,066.15	2,032.78	+90.70%
Out of Shelter	Board Members	56.53	38.25	-32.30%
	Education	7.5	0	-100.00%
	Events	49.5	75.75	53.00%
	Marketing/Development	15.5	31.25	101.60%
	Other Out of Shelter Jobs	12.83	7.75	-39.60%
	PR/Web	32	20.5	-35.90%
Total		173.87	173.5	-0.20%
GRAND TOTAL		1,446.90	2,480.27	+71.40%

- April 2019 hours are up +71% over last year!
- Volunteer hours, especially for in-shelter jobs (dog and cat care) are up considerably over April 2018.
 - In-shelter jobs up +90%
 - Dog care up +84%
 - Cat care up +141%
- New volunteer trainings remain quite high, as well, across all categories (overall, new volunteer trainings are up 96%!)

In April, APS volunteers completed the hours of more than 15 full-time employees and APS of Durham received \$58,056 worth of volunteer labor (according to Independent Sector, which currently values volunteer hours in the state of NC at \$23.41/hour).

Volunteer Report

April 2019

FOSTER/PLACEMENT PARTNERS:

69 total animals were identified for either foster or rescue in April for various reasons—and kitten season really got into swing!

Tougher placements included a large dog (hound) who gave birth and urgently needed rescue placement. We also had several bottle babies come in throughout the month who needed urgent fosters and cannot be transferred due to stray holding periods. We still need to build that group of fosters however we can as these neonates are very urgent.

By my records, no animals were euthanized in April due to not finding rescue or foster placement.

Date	Name	Description	Reason	Outcome
1-Apr	Prato	Golden X	Behavior	Rescue
2-Apr	Snow	Chihuahua X	Behavior	Floor
2-Apr	Hattie	Pit Bull	Medical	Floor
2-Apr	Sawyer	Terrier Mix	Medical	Floor
2-Apr	John Luke	Terrier Mix	Medical	Floor
2-Apr	Barry	Beagle	Medical	Floor
2-Apr	Yorkie	Yorkie X	Behavior	Rescue
3-Apr	Mom	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
3-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
3-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
3-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
3-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
3-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
4-Apr	Teddy	Poodle	Medical	Rescue
4-Apr	Chico	Pug Mix	Behavior	Rescue
6-Apr	Marshall	Great Pyrenees	Behavior	Rescue
6-Apr	Garrett	Pit Bull	Medical	Rescue
9-Apr	Sally	Hound	Medical	Foster
10-Apr	Bee-Bee	Bulldog	Behavior	Rescue
11-Apr	Stewie	Terrier Mix	Behavior	Rescue
11-Apr	Cece	Spaniel X	Behavior	Rescue
15-Apr	Bandit	Shepherd X	Behavior	Rescue
17-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
17-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
17-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
17-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
17-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
17-Apr	Kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
17-Apr	Rottie puppy	Rottweiler	Medical	
17-Apr	Carmen	Pit Bull	Behavior	Behavior Team
20-Apr	Bottle baby kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
20-Apr	Bottle baby kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
20-Apr	Bottle baby kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster
20-Apr	Bottle baby kitten	DSH	Age/medical	Foster

