



COUNTY OF DURHAM

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

July 23, 2013

Members in attendance: Joyce McKinney, Fran Foster, Evelyn Nicholson, Marie Inserra, Jenny Campbell, George Webb, Brendan Hartigan, William Oakley, Wendy Jacobs

Guests in attendance: Susan Teer, Shafonda Davis, John

Minutes from the previous meeting reviewed and approved with amendments. The following amendments were made:

1. Marie Inserra was present.
2. No formal position was taken by the committee regarding elimination of differential licensing

Animal Control Update:

- 11,100 calls in the last fiscal year
- 9 confirmed cases of Rabies since January 2013
- Cost of RV decreased from \$15 to \$10
- Differential licensing has been eliminated
- 2 new graduates from the Academy; currently have 6 sworn and 6 civilian; will continue to send 1-2 officers at a time until all are sworn
- Animal Services is investigating the development of relationships/contracts with local farms to house large animals/livestock if taken into custody

Shelter update:

- Reviewed intake and outcome statistics for May/June 2013
- \$25,000 grant awarded to the Shelter for a lobby renovation
- There was discussion regarding lack of adequate signage on I-85 to direct members of the community to the shelter; suggestion was made to contact the county sign department
- Several recent adoption events to promote adoption of pit bulls and cats/kittens

Old/New Business:

- None

Agenda Items for September:

- TNVR
- Follow-up on actions items:
 - a. Publicizing the reduced rate for the Rabies vaccinations done by Animal Services
 - b. Progress made with identifying local farms to contract with the Sheriff's Dept. for housing of livestock
 - c. Improved signage

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM, September 24, 2013 at the Durham Animal Shelter.

Minutes submitted by Joyce McKinney.