



Durham County Animal Welfare Advisory Meeting Minutes 11/19/2013

Present: George Webb, Fran Foster, Brendan Hartigan, Marie Inserra, Evelyn Nicholson, Susan Teer, Shafonda Davis, William Oakley III, Jenny Campbell (notes)

Public in attendance: Sarah Reichman, Jennifer Sosensky

Animal Services Report (Oakley):

Reviewed Animal Services statistics from September and October

12th confirmed rabies case in Durham Co - bat

2 deputies have completed recent training as part of ongoing officer training program; long term plan is to have 100% sworn officers on staff

Discussed surrender for euthanasia both to sheriff and shelter - Shelter provides reduced cost euthanasia but does not advertise.

Ordered 4 new trucks

Shelter Update (Davis)

Phone tree is not working at shelter; efforts are underway to make repairs.

Won a 25,000 grant to remodel shelter - remodel efforts are already underway. All are improvements to the lobby.

County is also working on some other needed repairs to shelter (thank you Wendy Jacobs for your efforts in this regard)

September cat event resulted in increased adoptions for shelter cats - adoption cost reduced to 25\$, APS paid 75\$ per cat.

October dog event also resulted in increased adoptions.

APS Gala is scheduled for this Sat at the Washington Duke Inn.

New Business

3 new board positions to be filled by January.

Discussed election of new chair person but tabled this until new board convened in 2014.

Discussed current state of committee by laws and suggested that an important task for the new board is to update them.

Old Business

TNVR Subcommittee Update (Reichman) - committee has chosen to disband after discussing results of meeting regarding TNVR policy recommendations with county officials. Attorney Inserra described reasons why TNVR is challenging in county. The main issue is no ability to revaccinate animals - we cannot write language into county code that runs counter to state law. Her suggestion was that managed care colonies with established ownership and proof of vaccination is the only legal feral cat management option at this time.

Pig currently housed in shelter - will be auctioned Dec. 21-22, has generated a great deal of interest.

Agenda for January:

Plan to establish committee chair

Discuss by-laws