

Onslow County Animal Services
Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: October 12, 2015
Call to Order: 6:32 PM

Members Present:

Ms. Sue Tuman, Chair
Mr. Gary Evans
Mr. Ronnie Cox
Dr. Robert Sheegog
Ms. Marianne Fasbender

Members Absent:

Mr. Daniel Shaw
Ms. Amanda Rocker, Vice Chair

Meeting was called to order by Sue Tuman at 6:32 PM.

Discussion was held regarding the need for more expedient turn-around on meeting minutes. Rachel Conklin will be keeping minutes for tonight's meeting.

Lindsay Wolf distributed paper copies of the August 10th bi-monthly meeting minutes, in both forms. One was created by Sue Tuman, and one by Adelia Davis.

Motion to accept minutes as composed by Sue Tuman presented by Ronnie Cox. Seconded by Gary Evans. All in favor.

Lindsay Wolf made a few announcements prior to presenting her report:

- The Dangerous Dog Board is looking for members. There are currently four vacant positions, and applications must be submitted to Julie Wand by November 4th. The Board meets to discuss appeals of Dangerous Dog Rulings.
- Thirty animals were seized from a cruelty/hoarding case: 22 dogs, one cat, and seven ferrets. One of the dogs has been released to foster care due to ongoing medical needs. The previous owner has been charged with thirty misdemeanor counts and is currently out on bail.
- The shelter has had two confirmed cases of parvo, and one suspected case. The shelter is currently working on decontamination and proceeding forward with containment.
- Construction should begin soon on the HVAC and renovations. The cat towers are being delivered this week.
- The PetSmart tent event had 114 adoptions in three days this September.

Lindsay Wolf reviewed her shelter report:

- Euthanasia has decreased for both cats and dogs in this quarter as compared to previous years.
- Live Release Rate is currently 50%. The standard is 90%, but previous years it has been at 30%.
- Adoptions have increased, including a 134% increase in feline adoptions.
- Intakes have decreased 27%, which points out how much more work has gone into building the foster and rescue programs, decreasing euthanasia, and building social media support.
- The shelter medicine program is in development. The full-time, permanent veterinarian attended orientation today and has her first day of shelter work tomorrow. Sterilizations have been running under the care of Dr. Corry, with the assistance of a second anesthesia machine.

Lindsay Wolf distributed the shelter veterinarian memo, which had been requested at the prior meeting.

Glenn Camp, a citizen in attendance, asked if raccoon rabies cases had to be reported and who they would be reported to. Ms. Wolf stated that the cases should all be reported to Animal Services to be referred for testing. Only fox rabies cases have tested positive this year. Raccoons have not had any reported positive rabies cases in the county this year.

Friends of Animal Services will be having a meeting tomorrow evening. They are seeking new members. Ms. Wolf and Ms. Conklin will be in attendance to discuss the needs of the shelter versus the needs of individual animals. Shelter management plans on demonstrating what the cost of one animal's surgery could have been utilized for when distributed throughout the population. Mr. Cox asked if the new veterinarian could possibly take on intensive surgeries at the shelter. Ms. Wolf explained her position is to perform sterilizations and possibly minor surgeries.

Gary Evans motioned that Ms. Wolf strongly express the concerns of the advisory committee to FOAS regarding their utilization of funds. Robert Sheegog seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adelia Davis stated that OCAS is registered with The Animal Rescue Site. Sue Tuman has not been able to find OCAS on the site. Ms. Wolf stated she would research the issue further.

Sue Tuman reintroduced the idea of adoption vests. Ms. Conklin referred her to Jennifer Monteforte, the new Community Outreach Coordinator at the shelter.

Ms. Wolf stated that the new website is still in the process through Onslow County. Ms. Childress needs to be removed from the advisory committee listing.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2015, at 6:30 PM at OCAS. The list of proposed 2016 meetings was distributed and should be sent to Julie Wand once approved.

Gary Evans motioned to approve the proposed schedule of 2016 meetings. Ronnie Cox seconded. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Robert Sheegog at 7:28 PM. Gary Evans seconded. All were in favor.