

Orange County Animal Services
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ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kris Bergstrand (Chair), Donna Bravo, Jen Merritt, Judy Miller, Suzanne Roy (Vice-Chair), Aviva Scully, Michael Stewart, Michelle Walker, Lynn White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kate Doom-Patel, Susan Elmore

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director)

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda passed and agenda unanimously approved

Summary of October 17, 2012 meeting: Reviewed and unanimously approved

General Public Comments on items not on the agenda: None

Comment from Chair: Kris Bergstrand described phone discussion she had with BOCC Chair Ms. Pellesier regarding difficulties the ASAB has had completing agendas and running overly long meetings. Ms Pellesier recommended that public comment be kept to strict 3 min limit, and that ASAB members avoid discussion back and forth with speakers. Also, any documents provided by speakers should be reviewed after the meeting.

Animal Services News

Bob Marotto reviewed information on OCAS staffing, recent Live Release Rates, volunteer program development, formation of a Community Giving Fund for Orange County, on-going discussions with animal control service delivery for Carrboro, and his discussion regarding rural Orange County living with Carla Banks, Public Affairs Director and David Stancil, DEAPPR Director. He announced the January 23, 2013 Coyote Hazing discussion, provided a handout, "Deer Hunting with Dogs" and additional handouts on upcoming OCAS events listed below.

Home for the Holidays adoption specials from November 1st to January 5th

Canned food drive for OCIM – November 19th to December 21st

Pictures with Santa – Saturday, Dec. 15th from noon to 4:30 pm – OCAS

Partner Profile— The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

Kim Alboum, North Carolina Director, HSUS, presented an overview of HSUS' animal welfare accomplishments, goals and upcoming legislation, including minimum standards for commercial dog breeding in North Carolina. The latter is a bill to be entitled, "An Act to Regulate The Commercial Breeding of Dogs" to set standards for recordkeeping, facilities, inoculations and an annual medical care for commercial breeding operations where 10 or more intact, adult female dogs are kept for breeding and selling the offspring. Kennels and establishments in operation for boarding or training hunting, sporting, herding, show or working dogs are excluded.

Suzanne Roy asked if supporting local municipality resolutions would be helpful in the effort to pass this legislation on minimum standards for commercial dog breeding operations in North Carolina and Ms. Alboum said this would be helpful. By general consensus, the ASAB agreed to add support for this legislation as a BOCC resolution to the January 2013 ASAB agenda.

ASAB Updates

- a. There have been no Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeals Committee Hearings
- b. Animal Services Advisory Board Policy and Procedures were voted on and adopted unanimously
- c. Implementation of General Policy on Boards and Commissions will be accomplished in 2013 including the items below.
 - i. New officer orientation
 - ii. Manual
 - iii. Attendance Records

Old Business

- a. Animal Recovery and Sterilization Report and Recommendations was deferred to the January 2013 meeting due to lack of time
- b. Cat Sheltering
 - Community member Deanna Rowan inquired about the status of cat condo conversions. Bob Marotto replied that the cat condo conversion remains scheduled for the low population season during the upcoming winter months.
 - Community member Margaret Heath presented an article, "A Gentle Kind of Cat Care: Reducing anxiety, frustration and URI in shelter cats" to Mike Stewart and Donna Bravo who were absent at the October meeting.

New Business

- a. ASAB Action Items
 - i. The 2013 Monthly Meeting Calendar was voted on and adopted unanimously
 - ii. The 2013 Slate of ASAB Officers was presented with Susan Elmore as Chair, Michelle Walker as Co-Chair. Kris Bergstrand volunteered to serve as Secretary for the first half of 2013 and Suzanne Roy to serve as Secretary for the second half of 2013. The election of officers will be held at the January 2013 meeting.
- b. The 2013 Work Plan was reviewed and approved with Bob Marotto to make minor modifications to the final question, "What are the concerns or emerging issues your board has identified for the upcoming year that it plans to address or wishes to bring to the Commissioners' attention?"
- c. Judy Miller asked if there was any staff appreciation planned for the upcoming holiday season. The board members agreed a breakfast repast would be a good idea and will supply breakfast on Wednesday, December 5th at 9 am.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 PM
Name of Minute Taker: Donna Bravo