

Orange County Animal Services
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
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ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caroline Green, Judy Miller, Beth Grooms, Michelle Walker (Chair), Warren Porter (Vice-Chair), Susan Elmore, Michael Stewart, Molly Mullins, Maureane Hoffman, Dewana Anderson, Arthur Sprinczeles

MEMBERS ABSENT: Aviva Scully

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director)

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda passed and agenda unanimously approved

Summary of May 20, 2015 meeting: Reviewed and unanimously approved

General Public Comments on items not on the agenda: None

ASAB Affairs

(A) Reappointments for members whose terms are expiring will be renewed by the Board of County Commissioners after recess. Members up for reappointment will continue as members in good standing pending formal reappointment.

Old/New Business

(A) Animal Services Update

- There have been only 4 cases of confirmed rabies this year
- The recent low-cost rabies clinic brought out 125 pet owners (totaling 474 total year-to-date), and eight more clinics are scheduled for the year
- The Animal Services budget was approved by the BOCC, including reduced and flexible fees
- Unified Animal Ordinance Update: still under consideration by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen; it's expected to be voted on in early September
- The Dog Play/Exercise Area construction will be underway shortly
- Friends of OCAS donated money for billboards and banners for free-roaming cat awareness
- Community Partnerships:
 - i. AnimalKind: They will help explore why the number of vouchers for low-cost spay/neuter redeemed has fallen
 - ii. Rogers Road Neighborhood Association: Mr. Marotto met with members to talk about how OCAS can improve outreach to area residents

(B) Research Requests

- In light of recent request to participate in veterinary research regarding a common illness in sheltered kittens for which OCAS had no prior protocol and therefore declined, the ASAB discussed the merits of creating a protocol for potential future opportunities to contribute to research aiding animal welfare that would involve transfer of biological samples.
- Based on the discussion, a subcommittee was formed to consider and draft a list of criteria for reviewing such projects. Chair appointed the following members to the subcommittee: Caroline Green, Maureane Hoffman, Susan Elmore and Dewana Anderson

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

(A) June is Cat Adoption Month (reduced cat adoption fees)

(B) Microchip & Low-cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic, Saturday June 27, 2015

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 PM

Name of Minute Taker: Caroline Green