

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)

*6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Elmore (Chair), Michelle Walker (Vice-Chair), DeWana Anderson, Judy Miller, Warren Porter, Aviva Scully, Suzanne Roy (Secretary)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Stewart

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director)

UNC Nonprofit Board Fellow for Orange County Animal Services: Ellie Nave

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with the addition of ASAB election item under ASAB Affairs.

Summary of September 18, 2013 meeting: Approved unanimously.

General public comments on items not on the agenda: None

ASAB Affairs

1. Elections

- a. Susan Elmore and Aviva Scully agreed to serve on the nominating committee.
- b. Bob Marotto noted that due to BOCC changes in Advisory Board Procedures, election of officers will be simplified this year as compared to previous years.

2. ASAB member recruitment updates

Board members reported on their activities of outreach to Hispanic and African American communities. The outreach work continues through churches, organizations (El Centro Hispanic, NAACP, etc.) and personal contacts.

3. Resignation

Kate Doom Patel, Hillsborough representative, has resigned. Mr. Marotto noted that township appointments are made by the BOCC on the basis of recommendations from the elected board of the township to be represented. He will inform the BOCC Clerk of our goal to diversify the board and ask that she communicate this to her counterpart with the Town of Hillsborough.

4. Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeal Committee

- a. Hearing – the Committee held one hearing since the last meeting and upheld the designation of Potentially Dangerous for a dog who attacked another dog at a dog park in Chapel Hill.
- b. Committee Alternatives – The appeals committee will have an opening for the next three months while Mike Stewart is teaching. Three board members agreed to serve as alternates with availability as follows:

Judy – evenings or Monday during day.
Michelle – mornings or evenings.
Warren – afternoons.

Unified Animal Control Ordinance

1. Update on BOCC meeting

Susan Elmore provided an update on the October 1, 2013 BOCC meeting that included an agenda item on the proposed unified ordinance. The ASAB watched a video of the BOCC discussion of the ordinance. Discussion centered on the three remaining points of contention: watchdog, trespass and appeals. Staff, ASAB Chair and Vice Chair will work with county attorney's office and Professor Amy Waal on a new draft that addresses these and other issues.

2. Person Bit by Dog on Personal Property Categories

- a. Trespassing – with criminal intent – no designation regardless of bite severity.
- b. Not trespassing –
 - i. Provocation and/or torment – no citation or declaration
 - ii. Severe bite – designated dangerous (absent “a willful trespass or other tort”).
 - iii. Non-severe – first time citation or fine; second time – designation.

3. Scenarios – The ASAB came up with potential scenarios to forward to the County Attorney. See Addendum.

Animal Services Updates—Bob Marotto, Animal Services Director

1. Community spay neuter program – still lagging in spays and neuters this

year compared to last year. Pushing hard to get the information and low cost vouchers out to the community through door hangers, direct mailings by zipcode and other outreach.

2. YTD sheltering statistics through Q3. 200 fewer intakes, live releases up. No difference in cat statistics – intakes, live release and euthanasia rates unchanged. Dog intakes down 200, sharp decline in euthanasia – 50% less. Historic low on intakes. Cat statistics highlight the importance of addressing this issue in overall plan.

3. Monthly statistics:

- a. Monthly Sheltering Statistical Summaries

- <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/monthlyreports2013.asp>

- b. Field Services Statistical Summaries

- <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/fieldstatistics2013.asp>

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

1. October is Shelter Dog Adoption Month
2. Spay & Neuter Day, November 6, Animal Services Center

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

Name of minute taker: Suzanne Roy