



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 20, 2012

Animal Services Center
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Kris Bergstrand, Chair, Suzanne Roy, Vice-Chair, Susan Elmore, Donna Bravo, Mike Stewart, Kate Doom Patel, Jenn Merritt, Sue Millager; Judy Miller, Aviva Scully; Michelle Walker

Members Absent: Lori Lumpkin; Lynn White

Staff Present: Bob Marotto, Director, Animal Services

Agenda: adopted unanimously.

Summary of May 16, 2012 meeting: reviewed and adopted unanimously.

General Public Comments on items not on the agenda: none

ASAB Updates

- Reappointment of Lori Lumpkin and Aviva Scully
- Carrboro Appointment Update-Michelle Walker appointed, schedule orientation for July 13.
- Orientation for New Members took place June 4 (Kate Doom-Patel and Jenn Merritt)
- General Orientation for ASAB; Agreed by consensus to dedicate Aug meeting to Orientation, it will include info related to:
 1. County Policy for Boards and Commissions
 2. Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearings

Partner Profile

- Wendy Royce, DVM, Pet Overpopulation Patrol (POP)-NC: mobile spay/neuter clinic (rabies vaccination also) has performed 26,000 surgeries since 2004 in Orange and multiple NC counties, sees patients in shelter parking lot 4-6 days/month.
- Upcoming Profiles
 - Triangle Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic to be invited in Oct.

Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeals Committee

--Recent Determination: upheld declaration made for Don Davis' dog "Holly"

Old Business:

Animal Identification Report (Draft): Suzanne asked for text describing ASAB discussion of having microchip ID provided free with all adopted pets as a goal, even though it is not financially feasible at this time. Member of public, Margaret Heath, provided ASAB with copies of documents describing benefits of providing ID for adopted pets. Bob's draft with minor edits and Suzanne's and Susan's comments was unanimously and the ASAB asked Kris Bergstrand, DVM, and Susan Elmore, DVM, to approve final editing changes.

Cat Sheltering Update:

Deanna Rowan addressed the ASAB asking about the possibility of adding a cat colony room to present shelter accommodations, citing the use of these by other shelters. Animal Services staff stressed that there was a good rationale for not having such colony rooms in the Animal Services Center; and also that the 3-stage process of enhancing cat sheltering would be on a timetable of 18 to 24 months. No other updates on cat caging at this time as the project is on hold during busy kitten season.

Nuisance Animal Noise Committee Update

Next meeting: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., June 26, plan is to decide on recommendation to present to ASAB at August meeting.

Animal Recovery and Sterilization Committee Status Report

Meeting on July 7, plan to research other counties' policies in order to provide BOCC with proper context for request for change.

New Business:

Confirmed Rabies Cases YTD: 5 total (2 raccoons, 2 bats, 1 skunk)

Animal Services Update

--FY1213 Budget: approved as submitted, spay/neuter funds increased to \$75k. Staff got modest raises (☺), and there are 3 staff vacancies at present.

--Open House: very with upwards of 200 people attending.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

- a. Adopt A Cat Month (June)
- b. Rabies Clinic – Thursday, July 19, 1:00-4:00 p.m.. Animal Services Center
- c. Volunteer Orientation – July 10- 5:30-7:15 p.m. / July 12 10:00-11:45 a.m.
Volunteer Training - July 14 – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Summary prepared and respectfully submitted by Kris Bergstrand.