

**Animal Services Advisory Board
Free Roaming Cat Task Force
Meeting Summary
February 5, 2014
Prepared by: Suzanne Roy**

Members in attendance: Dewana Anderson (chair), Aviva Scully, Suzanne Roy, Warren Porter, Judy Miller

Staff in attendance: Bob Marotto, Animal Services Director

UNC Kenan-Flagler Fellows in attendance: Maria Grimshaw and Steven Pray

Public in attendance: 5 members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Agenda approval

Agenda approved unanimously.

2. Review and approval of January 8, 2014, task force meeting summary

Approved unanimously

3. Public comments for items not on the agenda

None

4. Task Force Charge

a. Review and discussion

The Task Force discussed a number of changes and updates to the draft charge that have been incorporated.

b. Approval

The Task Force agreed to present the revised draft charge to the ASAB for approval at its February 19, 2014 meeting.

5. Timeline Review and Revision

The Task Force discussed and agreed to the following meeting schedule:

a. Partners (March 5)

Working with staff, the Task Force chair will invite various potential partners, including Independent Animal Rescue, other organizations, and local veterinarians to attend this meeting.

b. Models (March 26)

At this meeting, the Kenan Flagler fellows will present their research on:

- Model Programs and Ordinances
- Measures of Success for evaluation of programs.

c. Cat Caretakers (April 9)

Working with IAR and Sarah Reichman, the Task Force chair will invite free-roaming cat caretakers to attend the meeting and share information about the current conditions with free roaming cats in Orange County.

d. Listening Session (May 7)

This meeting will be publicized through the same channels used by OCAS to promote rabies clinics. The goal is to invite the public to attend and share concerns about and experience with free roaming cats and programs to address the cat overpopulation problem in Orange County.

e. Drafting Report (date TBD)

The Task Force will discuss its recommendations and make assignments for drafting its report

e. Review of Draft Report (date TBD)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

5. Information Items

a. American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

- Free-roaming Cats, Abandoned and Feral
(<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Free-roaming-Abandonedand-Feral-Cats.aspx>)
- Free-roaming Cats, Owned
(<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Free-Roaming-Owned-Cats.aspx>)

b. American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) (<http://www.catvets.com>)

- Free-roaming, Abandoned, and Feral Cats - 2012

(<http://www.catvets.com/guidelines/position-statements/free-roamingabandoned-and-feral-cats>)

- Early Spay and Castration - 2010

(<http://www.catvets.com/guidelines/position-statements/early-spaycastration>)

- Feral Cats - 2007 (<http://www.catvets.com/guidelines/positionstatements/feral-cats>)

c. American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)

(<https://www.aahanet.org/Library/PositionStmnts.aspx>)

- Position Statement on Pet Overpopulation

(<https://www.aahanet.org/Library/Overpopulation.aspx>)

- Endorsement of 2004 AAFP Position on Free Roaming Abandoned and Feral Cats (<https://www.aahanet.org/Library/AAFPPosition.aspx>)

- Endorsement of 2008 Veterinary Medical Care Spay-Neuter Program (https://www.aahanet.org/Library/2008_Guidelines_Spay_Neuter_Programs.aspx)

d. Society for Theriogenology (<http://www.therio.org/?page=PositionStatement>)

- Use of Progestogens in Feral Cats

(<http://www.therio.org/?page=PositionStatement#FeralCats>)

- Mandatory Spay/Neuter

(<http://www.therio.org/?page=PositionStatement#SpayNeuter>)

- Members of the Spay/Neuter Task Force

(<http://www.therio.org/?page=PositionStatement#TaskForce>)

- Basis for Position on Mandatory Spay/Neuter (Extended version with references) (http://www.therio.org/resource/resmgr/docs/spayneuter_basis.pdf)