

**Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB)
Approved Minutes for September 19, 2007 Meeting**

Present ASAB Members: Daniel Textoris, Ross Oglesbee, Pat Sanford, Susan Elmore, Jean Connerat Austin, James Kramer, Carolina Green, Dewana Anderson Bonnie Norwood and Moses Carey.

Absent ASAB Members: Kristine Bergstrand and Tracy Carroll

Others in Attendance: Animal Services Director Bob Marotto, Animal Control Manager Irene Paul, Animal Shelter Manager Jessica Allison and Administrative Assistant Paula Ragan.

Public Members Present: Suzanne Roy

Welcome and Opening Comments—ASAB Vice-Chair, Ross Oglesbee

Motion was made by Susan Elmore and seconded by James Kraemer to approve the Agenda dated September 19, 2007. **VOTE:** Unanimous

Motion was made by Bonnie Norwood and seconded by Susan Elmore to approve the Minutes dated August 15, 2007. **VOTE:** Unanimous

General Public Comment—None

Unfinished Business

Final Report: ASAB Keeping of Wild Animal Ordinance Amendment Task Force—Ross Oglesbee presented the “Final Report”, dated August 29, 2007. She reported that the Task Force had met for a total of four times and determined that it would only consider changes in relation to North Carolina native species and rehabilitation. However, after the meetings the Task Force concluded that there should be no change in the current ordinance. The committee does want to go on record for saying that they believe that Orange County should provide support for wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and education only to those organizations that have the space, on-site expertise, budget and other resources to humanely and appropriately rehabilitate, and educate the public about, native North Carolina wildlife. This could be done in a form of a multi-county wildlife cooperative. Motion was made by James Kramer and seconded by Bonnie Norwood to pass the Final Report dated August 29, 2007, to the BOCC. **VOTE:** Unanimous

Report and Proposal for Orange County’s Tethering Committee Ordinance Amendment—Bob Marotto and Irene Paul provided the ASAB members with a Required Kennel Space Recommendation Memo dated September 10th, 2007, that proposed a tier system for such requirements based upon their review of such restrictions in other jurisdictions. Staff prepared this memo in response to a request at the last ASAB meeting that more information be made available about minimum kennel sizes in relation to any proposal to limit tethering. Motion was made by Pat Sanford and seconded by Susan Elmore to accept the Tethering Committee Ordinance Amendment Recommendation with the attached Memo and forward it to the County Manager for recommendation to the BOCC. **VOTE:** Unanimous

Pet Overpopulation Subcommittee—Caroline Green reported that the committee met in August to discuss its purpose and develop its charge. A summary describing that information was provided to the

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Members for review. Caroline asks that if anyone has any suggestions or comments to please send those to her or Pat Sanford.

Animal Placement and Fostering Updates—*Jessica Allison gave a brief summary of accompanying documents on the foster program and sheltering activities for the months of July and August. She was excited to report that these are the highest adoption numbers reported so far this calendar year.*

Adoption/Placement Committee Progress Report—*Jessica Allison reported that the committee met on August 10th, 2007 and made a few revisions to the Partner/Placement document. The committee discussed and decided that it would be prudent to gather input from the rescue groups with whom we currently work. The documents have been sent to six selected groups and to the county attorney for additional feedback. Information gathered via this process will be review at the committee's next meeting scheduled for September 28, 2007.*

Bob Marotto reported that there were three low cost rabies clinics in conjunction with World Rabies Days with over 200 vaccinations administered.

Animal Identification: Provisional Proposal—*Bob Marotto reported that staff has reviewed current practices to develop a coherent as well as a practical approach to animal identification and it was decided that it would be best not to add another tag to the one that the Animal Shelter already provides. Instead, that the Shelter will continue to issue the rabies tag as our licensing tag, but order them from a private company instead of the North Carolina Health Department so that we can have our contact information added to the tags. There are two primary groups that leave the shelter without tags (approximately 1%) and those are animals that are too young to receive rabies vaccines and reclaimed animals that have a current rabies vaccination. Strategies for identifying animals in these two groups are a generic tag for puppies and kittens indicating that have a microchip, and a hard-written collar for those animals with a current vaccination. Another option would be on-site personalized identification machine but due to the cost of the machine and staffing issues it was decided that this option would need to be explored further. More research will be done and a final product will be brought back to the committee for review and approval.*

New Business-

Creation of ASAB Nominations Subcommittee- *Caroline Green, Daniel Textoris and Tracy Carroll have agreed to be on this committee and will come back to the October 17th, 2007, ASAB meeting with a proposed slate of officers and at a subsequent meeting in November the vote will take place.*

Required Annual Review of ASAB Committee Structure-*Bob Marotto gave an overview of the requirements of our charter and the two committees that we currently have are the Potentially Dangerous Dog Committee and the Adoption Appeals Committee. Motion was made by Pat Sanford and seconded by Jean Connerat Austin to maintain the two standing committees. **VOTE:** Unanimous*

*Motion was made by Jean Connerat Austin and seconded by Pat Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous.*

Next ASAB Meeting: *Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Southern Human Services Center Conference Room, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill.*