



Forsyth County
Animal Control Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2009

Lori Sears,, Chair
Julie Magness Vice-Chair
Joe Redman
Dr. Tim Strickland
Jennifer Tierney
Jerry Canady
D. Ritchie Brooks
Charles Cahill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester
Toby Cranfill

Members Present:

Julie Magness
Lori Sears
Joe Redman
Toby Cranfill
Jennifer Tierney
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
John Day
Matt Smith
Kelly Nash
Drake Parrish

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Sears at 6:10 P.M. Staff advised Dr. Stickland and Jerry Canady had provided notification they could not attend.

- *Welcome New Board Member*

New member Toby Cranfill was welcomed and introduced to the board.

- *Minutes*

A motion was made by Pricilla Ivester to approve the August 20, 2009 minutes and seconded by Joe Redman and Charles Cahill. Minutes were approved.

Outreach Summary

Tim Jennings summarized the steps have been taken to reach out to the public for comment concerning the proposed changes to the county ordinances. The outreach effort has included paid advertisement, public service announcements, posting the proposals on the department website, dedicating a telephone line for public comments, requesting email feedback through the website, and a news story in the Winston Salem Journal. Tim Jennings briefly went over proposed amendments. The proposals include mandatory found pet registration on county website, a scoop law, establishing agent licensing and spay/neuter licensing waiver of the \$5.00 licensing fee for 1st year for an altered pet.

Proposal	Written Comments 7 total	Telephone Comments 3 total
Scoop Requirement	5 supporting	1 supporting
Mandate Lost & Found Reporting	1 supporting	1 supporting
Agent Licensing	2 opposed 1 supporting	1 opposed
Spay/Neuter 12 month Fee Waiver	1 supporting	

Public Comment

There was general discussion among board members as well as members of the public about the proposed changes. A motion was made by Julie Magness and seconded by Pricilla Ivester asking Tim Jennings to construct a letter to send to Forsyth County veterinarians and other establishments that could possibly be agents for licensing to see if there is an interest to be a part of the pet licensing program prior to moving forward on that ordinance amendment. Motion passed.

Several members of our community came to support an anti tethering ordinance and there was a concern voiced for barking/noise issues. It was explained that anti tethering issues are scheduled to be discussed at the February 2010 meeting. The board was presented with letters from Catherine and Lily Klapak concerning support for an anti-tethering code and problems related to cats running at large..

Old Business

- *Code Proposals: FCC 6-6 General Duties , FCC 6-7 Cruelty*

Tim Jennings summarized prior discussion of section 6 concerning the temperature ranges for pets kept outside as well as what constituted shelter. Jennifer Tierney requested a word change with regards to barrels to reflect they not be constructed of metal. There was general discussion among board members about shelter both for dogs and livestock and what are the legal and humane considerations taken when evaluating temperatures and the varying of weather patterns. A motion was made by Jennifer Tierney to change language to not include barrels are suitable means of shelter. Seconded by Lori Sears. The motion was not passed.

Regarding FCC 6-7 – the board requested some revision in language concerning tethering and collar usage. Definition of what is a collar was asked to proactively address strangling issues sometimes seen with dogs both fenced with tethering attached. Tim stated he would have the county attorney look at the language currently in place and advise us accordingly.

- *Statistical Report: YTD September 2009*

Matt Smith went over the statistical report reviewing the stats showing the percentage of intake of feral cats for 2009 is 26%. He broke down the different euthanasia terms used for reporting purposes explaining the Asilomar Accords and how the decisions are based. Statistics also show increases in RTO cats and overall 7% increase in adoptions with dogs up 9.5 %.

Lt. Day reviewed field services statistics. There has been a 13% reduction in overall calls, and a 20% increased the number of citations issued. He further reported the number of bite cases have significantly increased by 28% severely impacting the workload. Questions were asked by the board of why the increase in bite reports. Lt. Day and Tim Jennings both stated the steady increase of population in our county along with better awareness of laws and responsibilities regarding reporting and rabies prevention.

- *Hearing Tribunal: November 19, 2009*

The next hearing tribunal has a full schedule of 7 appellants. Lori Sears, Julie Magness, Jennifer Tierney and Charles Cahill volunteered to be at the next hearing tribunal. The hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on November 19, 2009. Pricilla Ivester has also volunteered if needed.

Staff requested volunteer assistance with the upcoming Rabies Clinic to be held Saturday October 24, 2009 from 12:00 to 3:00.

Adjourn

Lori Sears motioned to adjourn the meeting, Charles Cahill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.