



Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board

November 19, 2015

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Forsyth County Animal Control Department
5570 Sturmer Park Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Sandra Averitt, Chair
Tina Sanderford, Vice Chair
Sandra Clodfelter
Thurman Dillon
Molly Douglass, DVM
Priscilla Ivester
Janice Freeman
Chad Griffin
Priscilla Ivester
Koy Kincaid
Robert Lakey
Tracey Shifflette

Members Present

Tina Sanderford	Koy Kincaid
Sandra Clodfelter	Tracey Shifflette
Thurman Dillon	Janice Freeman
Priscilla Ivester	Robert Lakey

Staff Present

Tim Jennings
Karin Burnette
Scott Bird
Dawn Lamb

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tina Sanderford. Sandra Averitt and Molly Douglass provided notice they will be unable to attend.
- *Approval of meeting minutes September 17, 2015.*
Priscilla Ivester asked for a revision to the submitted minutes as the following:

Under Old Business:

Shelter Definitions, Amendment from Priscilla Ivester: *to add to the motion*
“approved by majority vote.”

Tribunal Determinations - documentation, Amendment from Priscilla Ivester: *to add to the motion “and approved unanimously.”*

MOTION: Janice Freeman made a motion to approve the changes to July 17, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Koy Kincaid and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- **2015 Work-plan- Special Programs:**

Karin Burnette presented a short recap of the Special Programs previously presented to the Board and presented a handout outlining the programs. November's presentation focused upon:

Spay/Neuter/Rabies Clinic:

Karin stated that the results of the spay/neuter combined Spay Day voucher program & low cost Rabies Clinics are very encouraging as the intake reduction is at a level of 26%. These clinics may have prevented the birth of as many as 2,000 unwanted dogs and cats annually. Three local clinics work with the Spay Day Coalition honoring the vouchers provided to low-income households for \$10 each.

F.A.I.R.:

Feline Assistance Initiatives Response - addresses community and protection for the public, feline health and welfare throughout Forsyth County. This program provides trapping, microchips, and colony issues.

C.A.N.V.A.S.:

Tim Jennings gave an overview of how the program has a partnership between FCAC and apartment complexes/mobile home parks in relationship to cats. This outreach includes focus patrols, enhanced patrol, and humane trapping. Even though it has not taken off yet, it is on our to do list.

Stay Together Program:

Volunteers conduct a free program monthly (to the public) for assisting pet owners in dealing with behavioral issues with their cats or dogs. Tim asked if their facebook page for the Stay Together Program has brought any inquiries. Priscilla answered in stating no inquiries, but the facebook pages offers very useful tips.

Enhanced Patrol

The Enhanced Patrol program proactively establishes deterrents to violations through concentration of officers near schools and parks as well as neighborhoods identified as having problems with animal violations.

Community Animal Response Team (C.A.R.T.): Scott Bird gave an overview of the CART Co-location performing an emergency exercise in case an emergency happened. FCAC used a CAMEL trailer that was stocked with supplies, kennels, blankets, and other items. The temporary animal shelter was set up inside the Walkertown High School, which was set up with Red Cross. Tim stated that the shelter helps individuals feel comfortable as they can bring their animals as well. Scott stated that the staff learned a lot and he felt confident if an emergency did occur that FCAC could operate functionally. Some roleplayers acted out different scenarios, while holding stuffed animals.

Tim Jennings advised the workplan set the 2016 January Meeting as a public outreach meeting to receive public comment regarding the proposals regarding shelter standards and definitions. He outlined the adopted process the Advisory Board has utilized of designating a meeting for citizens to provide direct opinion to the Board, a published telephone line/voicemail to receive comments and email comment through the department webpage. The board provided consensus feedback to go forward with the outreach plans.

As standard practice any final recommendations the Board has will be presented to the County Commissioners in the annual report. Tim advised his understanding is this year the County is conducting a comprehensive review of the code in it's entirety and and Chapter 6 recommendations, as with other chapters, will be made within the county wide process, rather than individual departments at a time as been past practice. He will keep the Advisory Board updated on the process as it develops.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

December hearing calendar was presented. Changes to the schedule includes the following

Dec. 10th : Thurmond Dillon, Sandra Averitt, and Tina Sanderford
Dec. 17th: Sandy Averitt, Molly Douglass, and Koy Kincaid
Feb. 18th: Janice Freeman, Tracey Shifflette, and Sandra Clodfelter

Tribunal hearing packets went out this week for December 10th and December 17th hearing. The backlog of appeals to be scheduled are about caught up.

- ***Monthly Report***

Tim Jennings presented the department statistical report for YTD October. He provided comment on what the department believes are behind some of the changes FY October 2014 statistical report to October 2015. 11.1% increase in adoptions as compared to this time last year. 4.1% increase on animal intakes. Euthanasia up minimally and licensing was down. Additionally, citations were down by 10.6% and Violations were down by 15.2%. Tim stated that 3 new officers were hired. FCAC has 7 Animal Control Officers who are commissioned, including Lt. Day, with another 4 Animal Control Officers who are non commissioned. It was asked if more officers could be hired? Tim Jennings stated with next year's budget, he would ask for more officers to be hired.

Sandra Clodfelter wanted to give a big shout out to Corporal Morris since he saved a man's life. She was referring to the article found in the FCAC newsletter. Corporal Morris stopped at a motorcyclist accident and found a man laying face down not breathing. By Corp. Morris cutting the motorcyclist chinstrap, it cleared his air passageway and he began to breath again. Sandra thought this was wonderful and sent him an email as the Officers don't get enough credit. Tina Sanderford agreed.

Janice Freeman asked when we should mention about cold weather, now or when cold. Tim stated when the temperatures are down into the 30 degrees range, otherwise people don't acknowledge to information. Janice Freeman stated we should mention about how lethal antifreeze can be for animals.

ADJOURN

MOTION: With no further business, Tina Sanderford asked for a motion to adjourn. Sandra Clodfelter made the motion, which was seconded by Tracey Shifflette. Tina Sanderford adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.