



Forsyth County
Animal Control Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2010

Lori Sears, Chair
Charles Cahill, Vice-Chair
Bruce Bailiff
Dr. Harris Craig
Toby Cranfill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester
Albert Jacobs
Keith Murphy
Marcia Potter
Joe Redman
Tim Jennings

Members Present:

Lori Sears
Dr Brad Craig
Toby Cranfill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester
Albert Jacobs
Keith Murphy
Marcia Potter

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
John Day
Matt Smith
Yvonne Sanborn
Kelly Nash
Judy Blevins

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Sears at 6:00 P.M. Staff advised that Bruce Bailiff and Charles Cahill would be unable to attend.

- *Minutes*

A motion was made by Keith Murphy to approve the April 15, 2010 minutes and seconded by Tobey Cranfill. Minutes were approved.

Public Comment

Mitch Cromer asked about proposed tethering code language and asked about statistics he said were mentioned by a private organization to the media regarding the number of cruelty cases linked to tethered animals. Staff advised they had been asked to estimate the number during a previous advisory board meeting, but no statistical analysis has been done.

Old Business

- A handout was provided board members with member contact information
- Chris Murphy of Winston Salem/Forsyth Planning/Inspections Department advised members about indoor and outdoor kennels, zoning, number of staff in department and other related items.
- Tim Jennings discussed with members the way pet limitations could be imposed through land use and animal control code. Exceptions are also norm for hobby breeders, foster homes and hunters. Often exceptions lead to increased voluntary registrations and this type of ordinance will assist in providing number of pets owned by people.
- General discussion among advisory board members regarding pet limitations resulted in diverse and pointed opinions concerning this issue.
- Tim Jennings discussed briefly the introduction of the license ordinance in 2004 gave us a tool to address some these issues brought about by large numbers of animals at one residence. Dr Brad Craig advised members that species of pets does have an impact on the number of pets that a person could responsibly care for, referencing to dog needs versus cat needs.

New Business

- *Work Plan*

Tim Jennings discussed the 2010-2011 work plans; he asked the board if they would like the definition of shelter with more specific language to be put back on the agenda.

Lori Sears made motion to handle the issue first of shelter definition, second by Marsha Crumpler.

Priscilla Ivester asked if the new board members could be given a tour of the shelter and educated as to how intake is handled, animals critiqued to give them a feel how shelter operates. Tim Jennings asked if the request was for a meeting or presentation. Priscilla advised she would like to have presentation and tour. Matt Smith advised that it would take eight hours or more to go over questions and procedures of operations and stated that he would prefer one on one. Dr Brad Craig advised members that this community is in great need of basic pet care education. Tim Jennings referred to long range plan which encompasses education and suggested we see what is available from private groups in this area. Lori Sears asked that education be added to the work plan. Priscilla Ivester suggested that members bring ideas forward to the next meeting.

- *Tribunal Hearing.*

Tim Jennings went over hearing tribunal process for new members.

Tribunal Hearings were set for:

July 15, 2010

Members that volunteered were, Priscilla Ivester, Albert Jacobs, and Lori Sears. Marcia Potter will be observing.

July 22, 2010

Members that volunteered were, Priscilla Ivester, Dr Brad Craig and Marsha Crumpler. Keith Murphy will be observing.

Dr Brad Craig provided staff with a letter from the YMCA on Robinhood Rd requesting Animal Control contact them in reference to orchestrating an adoption event.

Adjourn

Lori Sears motioned to adjourn the meeting; Dr Brad Craig seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.