



<b>Forsyth County</b> <b>Animal Control Advisory Board</b>  <b>Meeting Minutes</b> <b>January 20, 2011</b>	<b>Charles Cahill, Chair</b> <b>Priscilla Ivester, Vice-Chair</b> <b>Bruce Bailiff</b> <b>Dr. Brad Craig</b> <b>Toby Cranfill</b> <b>Marsha Crumpler</b> <b>Albert Jacobs</b> <b>Keith Murphy</b> <b>Marcia Potter</b> <b>Joe Redman</b> <b>Lori Sears</b>
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**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Tim Jennings  
John Day  
Yevonne Sanborn  
Kelly Nash

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Sears at 5:59 P.M. Charles Cahill had notified Animal Control he would not be able to attend the meeting.

- *Minutes*

Lori Sears asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting 10/21/10. Priscilla Ivester requested 2 corrections to be made to the minutes of the meeting on 8/19/10 advising the board she had spoken to Tim Jennings about the corrections. Keith Murphy reminded the board there was a motion to make two corrections. After general discussion a motion to approve the minutes for 10/21/10 was made by Joe Redman and seconded by Dr. Brad Craig.

There was brief discussion of the purpose of the meeting minutes as a summary document of the meeting and not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. Tim Jennings advised if board members want to have a specific statement included in the minutes the staff recommends it be submitted in writing to add to the source record of the meeting. A motion to approve the 8/19/10 minutes amended with the requested changes was made by Keith Murphy and seconded by Toby Cranfill.

**Public Comment**

Pam Griffin spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance to ban tethering stating 95% of dog on chains are generally ignored and not take care of both medically and socially.

Jennifer Tierney a former advisory board member spoke strongly in favor of the ordinance moving forward stating the large amount of support to include Sheriff Schatzman, the Mayor of Kernersville as well as over 1500 responses in favor of the proposed ordinance vs 80 in opposition of the proposal. Also citing in the Winston Salem Journal poll 64% of our community is in favor of this proposal and 34% in opposition.

Jerry Canady a former advisory board member thanked all for their service and support of the proposed ordinance of banning tethering as a means of primary confinement and recommended submitting this information in the yearly report to the commissioners.

Larry Bunn a former advisory board member as well as for the Forsyth County Dept. Of Health spoke in favor of the proposed tethering ban as he had vivid memories of dogs tied to trees in icy conditions sometimes with embedded collars citing unsanitary conditions in many cases. He further explained in his history with in 3-4 years time over 300 bites occurred by tethered dogs.

Mitch Cromer a former advisory board member advised he believes the statistics that have been presented are not accurate citing in Colorado half of one percent of the dog bites reported are from tethered dogs. Mitch also cited the concern of financial hardship for those who could not afford a fence. He does not believe this ordinance proposal should be approved.

### **Old Business**

- The County manager's office inquired if the current board supports the recommendation of a prohibition on permanent tethering of dogs that was a recommendation of the 2010 Annual Report. Keith Murphy motioned the 2010 Annual Report be presented as it is written. The motion was seconded by Marsh Crumpler. Lori requested a poll of members on the motion. 8 voted yes in support of the motion and 2 members voted no in opposition. The motion was approved.
- 2011 Work Plan  
Tim Jennings reviewed the work plan with board members stating we encourage input from all citing various methods the department utilizes to obtain feedback from the community to include internet, mailings and telemarketing. He further explained we will be gathering various information for the board members regarding resources in our community, performance measures as well information as to how other communities handle these issues.

Pricilla Ivester gave insight to her experience regarding her ride along with ACO Mike Fitzpatrick. She encouraged other members to take advantage of the opportunity.

Keith Murphy presented his suggestions of items to be considered in the development of the 5 year plan with suggestions of various topics and issues. Copies were provided to all board members encouraging all to have input.

Dr. Brad Craig restated his interest in public education and training. He advised how the Winston Salem Dog Training Club could be a possible resource to assist in this process.

There was general discussion pertaining to resources in the community to assist with the endeavor of education and responsible pet ownership issues.

### **New Business**

- Tribunal Hearing Date: January 20, 2011  
Members that volunteered were: Priscilla Ivester, Keith Murphy, Marcia Potter and Dr. Brad Craig
- Tim Jennings updated board members on several topics to include Rabies Clinic at the last clinic were 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in our history- 778. The clinic committee attributes being open an hour earlier to the increased number of vaccines given.
- Tim also related a meeting of the non profit group HERO Horse Education Rescue Organization a group who educates and is emphasizing control of horse populations.

- Staff and board member Pricilla Ivester attended a listening session by the NC Agriculture Department this meeting was focused upon the state spay/neuter program recently transferred to the NC Department of Agriculture.
- YTD Statistics: Tim Jennings reviewed the statistics report presented to board members. Field calls continue to increase and the currently we are short one ACO position. Forsyth County pet adoptions are down and this is a trend seen state wide  
There was general discussion among board members as to possible reasons to why and questions arose as to the ability to gather adoption statistics from local organizations.
- Election of Officers: Staff distributed ballots for the election of the chair person. Joe Redmond asked to be removed as a potential candidate for vice chair. Toby Cranfill also asked to be removed as a potential candidate for the vice chair position. Charles Cahill was elected Chairperson for the 2011-2012 Advisory Board. Staff then distributed ballots for the vice chair position. There was a tie between Bruce Balliff and Priscilla Ivester. Hand written ballots were asked for by all for a revote. Priscilla Ivester was elected Vice Chairperson.

### **Adjourn**

Lori Sears motioned to adjourn the meeting; Marsha Crumpler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.