



Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board

May 17, 2018

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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

Priscilla Ivester,, Chair
Bill Cowan Vice-Chair
Molly Douglass, DVM
Janice Freeman
Chad Griffin
Tara Stebbins
Mitch Cromer
Terry Jessup

Members Present

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| Tara Stebbins | Bill Cowan |
| Janice Freeman | Priscilla Ivester |
| Chad Griffin | Molly Douglass |
| Mitch Cromer | Terry Jessup |

Staff Present

David Morris
Scott Bird
Tonya Ward

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Bill Cown.
- *Approval of meeting minutes March 15, 2018*
MOTION: Janice Freeman made a motion to approve the March 15, 2018 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Chad Griffin and the minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Implementation of FHS contract***
Sarah Williamson, Executive Director of FHS spoke to the Board regarding several issues board members brought up at the previous meeting. She stated that the organizations the majority of cats are being transferred to is the Humane Society of Carroll County in Maryland. FHS staff inspected the facility before beginning transfers. She stated this organization has a grant from Petsmart charities which allows them to hold adoption events at their stores which are very successful FHS sends 50 cats per trip. Priscilla Ivester asked if cats are kept here at the facility for local adoption, Sarah Williamson said some are and FHS plans to reevaluate in a year. Priscilla Ivester asked how many cats have been transferred and Sarah Williamson replied that since March 316 animals have been transferred, she pointed out that this number includes dogs as well. She stated that FHS does an average of two transfers per month which includes transfers of dogs to Asheville, NC and breed specific rescue groups.

- ***Board member term limits***

Deputy County Manager Damon Sanders -Pratt spoke regarding term limits, he stated that if a member is declared absent by the Board based on the current bylaws the seat would be considered vacant and could be filled at that time. He also stated that former members are not eligible to serve on hearing tribunals because the bylaws state the members must be current. Former members are required to sit out one entire term, which would be a full year before they are eligible to reapply for membership.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***New cat kennels/repairs to dog kennels***

New cat kennel “condos” are being installed. The old kennels have been removed and work on installing the new kennels is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 21st. Repairs continue on the dog kennels, work has been done on multiple occasions and staff is hopeful that they will be fully repaired soon. Priscilla Ivester asked about the cleaning of visiting/intake rooms. Lt. Morris said he would check with FHS regarding cleaning.

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and panel participants for the Tribunal Hearings in June 2018 was discussed.

- ***Rabies Clinic and S/N Vouchers***

The second Rabies Clinic for 2018 is scheduled for July 14, 2018. At this clinic Spay/Neuter vouchers will not be offered by FCAC, however Humane Solution has offered to provide vouchers at this event. As with the March event, FHS will be offering microchips as well for \$10. Staff reported that the event has been promoted on social media as well as the county website and we expect a large turn out.

- ***Monthly Report***

Lt. Morris presented the department monthly statistical report for April 2018. Calls overall are down, response time continues to go well. He noted that criminal citations have continued to increase and he is pleased with this as it was one of his main goals. So far in 2018 there have been 28 criminal citations, compared to only 33 in the entire year of 2017, 18 in 2016, and 7 in 2015. He stated he continues to encourage officers to pursue criminal charges when indicated and is pleased with the rate of charges and convictions. License transactions are down slightly for the year and revenue continues to be down as expected with FHS handling adoptions and redemption of animals.

ADJOURN

MOTION: With no further business, Bill Cowan asked for a motion to adjourn. Chad Griffin made the motion, which was seconded by Tara Stebbins. Bill Cowan adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.