



## Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board

**May 19, 2016**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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

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

### **Members Present**

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

### **Staff Present**

Tim Jennings  
Scott Bird  
Karin Burnette  
Chad Miller

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Tina Sanderford. Tim Jennings advised that new board members had been appointed for two year terms: Bill Cowan - Purebred Animals and Meredith Boyd - No Pets.
- *Approval of meeting minutes March 17, 2016.*

**MOTION:** Tina Sanderford made a motion to approve the March 17, 2016 minutes as submitted. Priscilla Ivester requested that the minutes be revised to show the correct numerical results of the vote to recommend to the County Commissioners that an anti-tethering ordinance be enacted that would prohibit tethering as the primary, permanent method of confinement of a dog. The minutes as submitted said the vote passed by 7 to 2 when in reality it was 5 to 2. Tina re-entered the motion with the proposed changes. The motion as seconded by Tracey Shifflette and approved unanimously..

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Several community members stepped forward to show their support for the proposed tethering ban as the primary, permanent method of confinement of a dog and thanked the Advisory Board for their consideration.

## OLD BUSINESS

- ***Tethering Code Proposal***

Tim Jennings went over the proposed recommended anti-tethering code that had been given to him by the County Attorney. Priscilla Ivester discussed her concern over the “legaleze” of the document and asked that a more common language be used so that it is easy for everyone to understand. Tracey Shifflette countered that the language is legal speak and cannot be modified if it was to go into County Code. Discussion ensued.

***MOTION: Janice Freeman made a motion to support the proposed ordinance that was presented as written. The motion was seconded by Tracey Shifflette. Discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the motion did not pass by vote of 4 (for) to 5 (against). Discussion ensued.***

***Janice Freeman made a second motion that the Advisory Board support the proposed ordinance that was presented with the following changes:***

1. No person shall tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog, or cause such restraining of a dog, to a tree, fence, post, dog house, or other stationary object ***as the permanent, primary means of confinement.*** During periods of tethering that are not unlawful under this subsection, any tethering device used shall be at least ten feet in length and attached in such a manner as to prevent strangulation or other injury to the dog or entanglement with ***stationary*** objects.

5. No person shall tether a sick, diseased and/or injured dog, ~~or~~ puppy (a dog that is ~~one year~~ ***six months*** of age or younger), or ***a female in heat.***

***Koy Kincaid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 4 (in favor) to 2 (opposed).***

- ***2016 Annual Report***

Tim Jennings directed board’s attention to the Annual Report for 2016 in their packets. The recommendations in the report were presented to the Board of Commissioners by Tina Sanderford and Tim Jennings at the April 21, 2016 briefing session.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and panel participants for the Tribunal Hearing on Jun 16, 2016 was discussed.

- ***Monthly Report***

Tim Jennings presented the department statistical report. There were no major changes to date.

## ADJOURN

***MOTION:*** With no further business, Tina Sanderford asked for a motion to adjourn. \_\_\_\_\_ made the motion, which was seconded by Koy Kincaid. Tina Sanderford adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.