

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COLLIER COUNTY
DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, July 18, 2017

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 6:30 PM in REGULAR SESSION at Domestic Animal Services Training Room, Davis Blvd., East Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: James Spartz (Excused)
VICE CHAIRMAN: Marjorie Bloom
SECRETARY: Patrice Worcester
James Rich (Excused)
James Seabasty
Mary Baker

ALSO PRESENT: Darcy Andrade, Director, DAS
Kyra Lynch, Shelter Operations Manager, DAS
Dan Grossi, Field Operations Manager, DAS
Dr. Karen S. Brown, Shelter Veterinarian, DAS
Karla Carlisle, Training Coordinator, DAS
Kellie Carroll, Administrative Assistant, DAS

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Marjorie Bloom called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. **Ms. Bloom** advised attendees on the functions of the Animal Services Advisory Board and explained the procedure to register as a public speaker.

II. Attendance

A quorum was established.

Kellie Carroll presided over the projector displaying the Agenda packet.

III. Approval of Agenda

Patrice Worcester made a motion to approve the agenda, there was a second and the motion carried 4-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Meeting

Jim Seabasty made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting, there was a second and the motion carried 4-0.

V. Director's Report

Darcy Andrade reported on the results from Adoptathon and the current status of Volunteer Orientation. She advised that DAS is moving forward on purchasing artificial turf for the large Meet and Greet play yard. She also advised that the Facilities Division's Preventative Maintenance crew has been painting, pressure washing and doing other work around the facility.

Ms. Andrade discussed the current cat population and explained that DAS is putting as many cats as possible in the lobby and in the cat rooms. The free cats promotion will continue to run while the cat population is high.

Ms. Andrade advised the Board that all DAS Managers will be attending future Board meetings and she introduced **Karla Carlisle**, the new Training Coordinator.

Kyra Lynch provided statistics on adoptions, transfers and the current population. **Ms. Bloom** asked if the transfer number included the animals that originally came from Humane Society Naples and were transferred back to them. **Ms. Lynch** advised that those animals were not included in the statistics she presented.

Karla Carlisle advised the Board that she will be conducting the dog and cat handling classes as well as the cat and dog body language classes.

Dan Grossi advised the Board that two Animal Control Officers have been promoted to Senior Animal Control Officers.

VI. Old Business

a. Animal Care Sterilization Fund

Darcy Andrade discussed that the funds are currently used to pay for spay/neuter services when the Shelter Veterinarian is not available and that the Board recommended revising the fund to allow for offering low cost spay/neuter services to the public. **Ms. Andrade** advised the Board that the Resolution has been passed by the Board of County Commissioners. Funding sources have also changed and now allow DAS to solicit and accept donations to this fund. Fees for spay/neuter services are set by Resolution and are for those breeds and types most often brought to the

shelter. The program may be a voucher program and it can also be used to pay a veterinarian to perform surgeries in-house.

Marjorie Bloom asked if the annual donation letter will make a distinction between spay/neuter funds and the Donation Trust Fund and was advised that it will. **Kellie Carroll** is exploring options to make online donations possible.

Patrice Worcester asked if there will be any assistance with transportation for people in Immokalee to bring their pets to the Naples location for surgery. **Ms. Andrade** advised that there are liability issues surrounding the transportation of privately owned animals.

Public Comment

Tom Kepp commented that funds for public surgeries and funds used to supplement DAS surgeries should be kept separate. He also mentioned that in rural areas, people who don't have transportation won't have the surgeries performed. Mr. Kepp stated that SNIP Collier has provided low cost spay/neuter surgery for over 200 moms and puppies. He advised that programs need to start now and that either a bus or a low cost clinic is needed.

Michele Antonio advised that she agrees with **Mr. Kepp** and asked that when reviewing the Breeder Ordinance, please be sure to include cats.

VII. New Business

a. Breeder Ordinance

The current ordinance requires people to register as either a commercial or non-commercial breeder, but that only captures responsible people who register, not those who allow animals to roam. DAS needs to try to capture those who are not responsible pet owners and/or breeders. **Darcy Andrade** would like Board members to research other county's ordinances to see what may work for Collier County. She requested that Board members send ideas to her via email before the next Board meeting. **Ms. Andrade** will email a link to Municode to all Board members.

b. Customer Satisfaction Survey

Darcy Andrade explained who receives Customer Satisfaction Surveys via email and gave a Powerpoint presentation to illustrate the results. Approximately 400 surveys were sent out and 120 responses were received.

Patrice Worcester asked how the results compare to previous years and was advised that these surveys have not been conducted in previous years. **Ms. Andrade** offered to send out results from previous quarters.

c. Inhumane treatment

Darcy Andrade would like to look at other counties and determine how they define things like ‘shelter’ because the state statute is vague and she is interested in strengthening Collier County’s Ordinance. She asked if the Board would explore inhumane treatment and breeder regulations for other counties/municipalities in the State of Florida and return their recommendations to **Ms. Andrade** two weeks prior to the next meeting.

Patrice Worcester made a motion for Board members to research inhumane treatment and breeder regulations in other counties/municipalities and to submit the results to Darcy Andrade; there was a second and the motion passed 4-0.

VIII. Public Comment

Kelly Hyland deferred.

Chuck Danielian deferred.

Cynthia Gilbert discussed assistance for horses and inquired if there is a way to do any outreach for horse owners.

Patty Teulet requested an update on the status of the air conditioning.

IX. Advisory Board Member Comments

Mary Baker requested that the status of the air conditioning be placed on the next Animal Services Advisory Board agenda.

Jim Seabasty commended DAS staff for caring for the dogs from the recent confiscation case.

Marjorie Bloom made a motion to adjourn, there was a second and the motion passed 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled Advisory Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 in the Domestic Animal Training Room, Davis Blvd., Naples, Florida.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the order of the Vice Chair at 7:19 p.m.

COLLIER COUNTY DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES

Chairman James Spartz

July 18, 2017

These minutes approved by Board/Committee on _____ as presented _____ or as amended _____.