Animal Control Committee Minutes for March 20, 2013
Respectfully submitted by Anna Payton

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am.

Committee members present: Amy Cesich, Lynn Cullick, and Elizabeth Flowers
Absent: Matt Prochaska and John Purcell
Others present: Anna Payton, Laura Pawson, Dr. Gary Schlapp, and Jeff Wilkins

Committee approved the agenda for the meeting.

Anna presented the census log to the committee for February and thus far for March. Animal Control had an intake of 14 dogs in February with a current count of 22, including 4 dogs being held as evidence. Anna mentioned that 9 Pit Bull type dogs were adopted out in the month of February during the shelter’s “Pitty” Party promotion. Animal Control had an intake of 11 cats in February with a current count of 26 cats which includes 1 cat at Go Dog Go. Anna stated that there are a few rescues interested in transferring cats this week.

Laura presented the County bite report to the committee for February. There were a total of 7 bites reported with all 7 being dog bites. Four of the seven bites was a case where the owner or family member was bitten. There were 2 dogs euthanized in the month of February due to behavior (i.e. failing the temperament test).

Anna presented the operations report to the committee. She stated that two investigations have been processed by the State’s Attorney and are currently in the court system. She informed the committee that 139 people came in to view the animals up for adoption in February. She also provided an update on a dog named Haske who had come into the shelter awhile back with multiple severe injuries. Haske recently had his second surgery and Dr. Schlapp said his recovery is going really well.

Anna then mentioned that she has been asked to write a weekly blog for Voices of Yorkville through a local online Sun Times affiliate, which will start next week. She stated that she and Laura had attended an Animal Relocation Summit sponsored the ASPCA in Bloomington, IL on March 13. She said the meeting was for animal welfare groups across the state of Illinois to come together to discuss streamlining the transfer of animals between organizations in order to increase live release rates statewide and felt that the meeting was beneficial. Anna then stated that she had just come back from presenting at the Texas Unites conference which was in Austin, TX from March 15 – 18. She felt that it went well and it was a nice opportunity to represent Kendall County.

Lastly, Anna said there is going to be a Volunteer Orientation on Tuesday, March 26. Then on Wednesday, March 27 the staff will be going to the Petsmart distribution center to load donated food, cat litter, and other necessities to supply the shelter with for the year.
Jeff presented the accounting report. He went through the numbers and stated that Animal Control continues to have a good financial picture. The committee approved the payment of the bills. Jeff briefly discussed that a consultant came in and met with the Treasurer, Administration, and Animal Control department to help make improvements based on the audit and that he will present the findings at the next committee meeting.

In other business, Amy stated that the committee meeting will be moved to the county board room starting next month. The committee agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.