KENDALL COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 9:00AM
County Office Building; County Board Rooms 209-210
111 W. Fox Street; Yorkville IL

MINUTES

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Amy Cesich at 9:02 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Amy Cesich, Lynn Cullick, Matt Prochaska, Elizabeth Flowers, and John Purcell

Committee Members Absent: None

Others present: Anna Payton, Dr. Gary Schlapp, Jeff Wilkins, and John Sterrett

Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Lynn Cullick to approve the agenda with discussing the Accounting Report first, seconded by Elizabeth Flowers. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Lynn Cullick to approve the May 29, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Elizabeth Flowers. Motion carried.

Accounting Report – Jeff Wilkins presented the Accounting Report and reviewed the current financial percentages. Currently, total revenues are at 48% of what was budgeted, which is close to last year’s numbers. Expenditures are at 49% of what was budgeted, close to same as last year at this time. Revenues and expenditures are in the positive during the last month. The year to date fund balance is currently $51,000. Mr. Wilkins had added the Animal Control Building Fund to the report this month. Mr. Wilkins reviewed vouchers that were recently approved by the Board. Vouchers that were unable to be approved previously due to the timing of their submission will be approved at a later date and were also reviewed. Mr. Wilkins stated that there will be a correction to the ‘Intact Registration Fee’ for next month.

There was some discussion from the Committee regarding the amount of revenue received to date through the year from rabies tags. Ms. Payton stated that the revenues will most likely balance out as the year goes on because certain clinics will purchase rabies tags are different times throughout the year. The Committee discussed the impact that citations would have on the enforcement of obtaining rabies tags. Ms. Payton stated that other counties in the region implement citations to achieve compliance whereas Kendall County currently does not. Dr. Schlapp referenced Kane County’s enforcement system for obtaining rabies tags and that some degree of enforcement to achieve compliance is a reasonable solution. Ms. Payton said she can review the percentage of certificates that are currently without rabies tags in the County.
**Review Census Log** – Ms. Payton presented the Census Log to the Committee and said there were 25 cats that came into Animal Control in May with 17 cats coming in thus far in the month of June. She said there are currently 16 cats up for adoption with 10 cats, 5 kittens, and 1 cat at “Go Dog Go”. There are 8 cats in the unavailable area, 2 of which will be available for adoption after today, 1 kitten, and 7 kittens in foster care for an overall total of 32 cats/kittens.

Ms. Payton reported that there were 33 dogs that came into Animal Control in May with 18 dogs coming in thus far in the month of June. There is 1 dog in foster care, 9 dogs up for adoption, 9 dogs in the unavailable area, 2 dogs going to rescue, 2 dogs going for adoption after today, 1 dog being treated for heartworm for a total of 19 dogs.

**Review Bite Report** – Ms. Payton reviewed the report with the committee and said there were 18 bites in May with 3 bites to the direct owner or family member of the animal. There were 2 unknown dogs who were reported to have bitten someone and 1 unknown person who was bitten by a dog. Animal Control was not able to make contact with the unknown victim to obtain information on the bitten person. There were 5 total animals euthanized: 4 which were euthanized due to behavior and 1 euthanized due to health.

Ms. Payton explained the timeframe and process for euthanizing an animal due to behavior. There are a series of tests that are given on the animal prior to euthanizing the animal. Strays are held for seven business days prior to becoming property of Animal Control.

**Operations Report** – Ms. Payton discussed the topic of heartworm in dogs including how heartworm is contracted in dogs, the testing of heartworm, prevention and treatment. Dogs receive yearly tests for heartworm from their veterinarian. Animal Control does not currently perform heartworm tests on dogs that are up for adoption. Dr. Schlapp explained the process for infection of heartworm from mosquitoes and the different tests applied for determining if heartworm is present. Some treatments for heartworm can be very expensive and can be hard to come by. Medication given to prevent heartworm is much less expensive compared to medication given to treat heartworm. Ms. Payton gave two numbers for the cost of testing for heartworm on adoption dogs. For Countryside to do the testing it would cost $10/dog and for the Animal Control staff to do it would cost $5.46/dog. Ms. Payton indicated that her staff could do the blood test on dogs for the heartworm test. The total cost to perform this test on dogs that were adopted out last year would have been roughly $1,000. Ms. Payton would like to start testing dogs that are adopted out. The cost to perform this would come out of the Animal Medical Care Fund. By determining if a dog is infected with heartworm, Animal Control has the ability to evaluate the dog’s current state before proceeding with other medical procedures (spay/neuter, microchipped, etc.)

The consensus from the Committee was to present this topic at the next County Board meeting on July 2, 2013.

There were 136 visitors in May. Animal Control was at the Ellis Equestrian Center Family Fun Night as well as at Prairie Fest in Oswego over the weekend to provide information for residents. At least one adoption occurred as a direct result of being at Prairie Fest and a total of $155 in donations were received. Ms. Payton gave an interview with WSPY recently. Some upcoming
events include the “Go Dog Go” block party in Oswego, Ellis Equestrian Center, and “Bark in the Park” at the Kane County Cougars game. Two investigations are currently in the court system, one is ongoing and Animal Control is working closely with the Sheriff, and there is one dangerous/vicious dog investigation underway.

**Old Business**
None

**Other Business**

**Discussion on Building Improvements** – Ms. Payton will be meeting with Facilities Management to go over some of the options for office space reconfiguration that could include a counter replacement and possibly removing a wall. Facilities Management will put together costs for the improvements. This topic will be continued to be addressed.

**Review Action Items**
Authorize Heartworm Testing for Adoption Dogs from Animal Medical Care Fund

**Public Comment** - None

**Executive Session** – None

**Adjournment** - Elizabeth Flowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Matt Prochaska seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next meeting will be on July 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Office Building, County Board Rooms 209-210.

Respectfully Submitted,
John H. Sterrett
Recording Secretary