KENDALL COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 18, 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 9:03 a.m.

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

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

Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Lynn Cullick, second by Elizabeth Flowers to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Lynn Cullick to approve the August 21, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Elizabeth Flowers. Motion carried.

Review of Census Log – Ms. Payton presented the Census Log to the Committee and said there were 25 cats that came into Animal Control in August, with 13 cats coming in thus far in the month of September. Ms. Payton said there are currently 9 cats on stray hold, 12 cats for adoption, 3 kittens at the Vet for Spay/Neuter, 3 cats reclaimed, 2 nursing moms with 9 kittens, and 2 kittens in foster care, for a total of 44.

Ms. Payton reported that there were 28 dogs that came into Animal Control in August, with 24 dogs coming in thus far in the month of September. There are 8 dogs up for adoption, 9 are unavailable and 4 at the Vet for Spay/Neuter, for a total of 21.

Review of Bite/Euthanasia Report – Ms. Payton reviewed the report with the committee and said there were 19 bites in August, including 3 cats and 1 muskrat, and 2 bites that occurred in July being reported to Animal Control in August.

There was 1 canine euthanized due to health issues, 1 cat euthanized due to behavior issues, 1 cat euthanized due to health issues, and 4 kittens died at the shelter due to failure to thrive, for a total of 7 animals in August.

Discussion on the if/whether the committee should be notified when animals have been at the shelter longer than the 37 days allowed by policy. Jeff Wilkins stated that they plan to bring the Standard Operating Procedures to the committee for review at the October committee meeting, and that would include review of the policy on length of stay and notification of committee members. This issue was previously discussed at the committee meeting on December 19, 2012.

Operations Report – Ms. Payton stated that the new kennel technician is learning quickly and doing well thus far. Ms. Payton invited the committee to stop by and meet the staff, and to see the building improvements that have been completed.
Ms. Payton said there were 130 visitors in August.

Ms. Payton said they raised approximately $600 from the recent popcorn fundraiser, and reported there is another fundraiser, Pictures in the Park, scheduled at Emerson Creek Pottery & Tearoom on Saturday, October 12, 2013. They are still searching for professional photographers that will volunteer to assist on that day.

Ms. Payton reported there is one pending court case, and two bench trials set for October and November.

**Upcoming Events Update**

- **Sunday, September 29, 2013**: Country Comfort Event, Yorkville
- **Friday, October 4, 2013**: Ellis House & Equestrian Center, Minooka
- **Saturday, October 5, 2013**: Walgreen’s Doggy Adoption, Montgomery
- **Saturday, October 12, 2013**: Pictures in the Park at Emerson Creek, Oswego
- **Saturday, October 12, 2013**: Go Dog Go Adoption Event, Oswego

**Accounting Report** – Jeff Wilkins reviewed the Financial Statements report with the committee.

**Old Business** – **Security Cameras**: Discussion on the need for security cameras on the outside of the Animal Control building, the cost for cameras, staff safety in dealing with angry citizens, the number of animals that are abandoned at the facility, the possibility of additional signage at the facility discouraging the abandonment of animals at the facility and alerting citizens of the legal implications of abandoning animals at the facility, and the budget priorities for Animal Control. Ms. Payton will provide price quotes and additional information, as well as the reasoning behind the request for security cameras at the facility at the October 2013 committee meeting.

**Executive Session** – None Needed

**Other Business** - None

**Review Action Items** - None

**Public Comment** – None

**Adjournment** – Lynn Cullick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Elizabeth Flowers seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting will be on October 16, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Office Building, County Board Rooms 209-210.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
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