

5/24/2011

Durham County Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jenny Campbell, Fran Foster, Shafonda Price, Terry Sutton, Joyce McKinney, Martha Ann Traylor, Evelyn Nicholson, Susan Teer

Absent: Cindy Bailey, Marie Inserra, Becky Heron

Minutes from prior meeting (3/22/2011) were approved.

Animal Control Report from Officer Terry Sutton (filling in for Cindy Bailey who is out of the office until 6/6/2011):

- All open positions at Animal Control have been filled and new officers are doing well.
- Pig auction is scheduled for Friday, 6/7/2011
- Already seeing an increase in incidents with animals in locked cars and windows rolled up.

Shelter Report from Shafonda Price, Shelter Director:

- See handouts for March and April statistics.
- March – fewer dispositions in 2011 than in 2010. All adoptions, rescues, transfers had increased.
- Working on a current case of local hoarder. Owner has agreed to surrender 40 cats to shelter. Owner wishes to keep 10-12 cats. Plan to have volunteer visit and discuss spay/neuter options. Surrenders will be collected on Friday.
- Have not yet determined an initial auction price for the pigs. Goal is to recoup financial losses. CJ Acres Sanctuary (FL) has stated they plan to bid on pigs as they have raised money for their adoption and care.

Discussion of Advisory Board By-laws:

- Question is raised as to whether current by-laws should be updated.
- Current document was written 25 years ago at inception of committee, 1 page document without a mission statement.
- Recommendation – rewrite by-laws and generate a mission statement.

New Business:

- Discussion of incident where police shot and killed a dog during a raid on a murder suspect.
- Video of incident is available to the public through news media.
- Discussion of circumstances. HSUS has contacted Durham Police in order to discuss proper protocol for handling animals present at crime scenes.
- Add this to the agenda for next meeting when Cindy Bailey is present.
- Contact Marie Inserra to see if she can attend that meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned
Submitted by Jenny Campbell

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