

DETAIL NOTES FROM ANIMAL ADVISORY MEETING – October 24, 2011

Opening

The October meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Plano Animal Shelter, 4028 West Plano Parkway by Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Chair.

Committee Members Present

Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Jamey Cantrell, Elizabeth Bodden, Aubrie Wolff, Karen Dubrow and Amanda Earl were present. Pylar Pinkston was absent.

Public Comments

None

City Representatives Present

Debbie New, Animal Services.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 11, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Ordinance Changes

Jamey Cantrell is working with the staff attorney and legal department regarding the changes. He hopes that the attorney's will be able to sign off on the changes soon and he will email the members when they are approved.

Shelter Outreach Programs

The department attended the recent International Festival, and four animals were adopted. The department has been invited to attend next year as well. He stated that he hoped that other events such as this one will come up and the department can attend them as well. Dr. Dubrow mentioned that Collin College will begin an annual event and she will send the information to Mr. Cantrell. Mr. Cantrell asked the members to give him a list of any events that they are aware of so that he can contact the organizers about the department attending. Having animals at offsite events is a priority for him this year.

Shelter Report

The numbers are consistent as far as intakes and euthanasia was reduced by 11%. The shelter took in 100 more animals than last year and 500 more than the year before. Adoptions have been up for the past three years, and euthanasia has been down for the past three years. Mr. Cantrell showed the members the new registration poster that he had made to promote registrations. The posters will be hung at pet stores, veterinarians and libraries. All registration funds go directly to the animal shelter per the State. Other methods of promoting registrations were also discussed. Volunteer hours are up and 173 low cost sterilization surgeries were performed by TCAP. Pet Palooza will be held on Saturday November 12 from 10-3. Mr. Cantrell announced that the shelter was selected as the Animal Shelter of the year by the Texas Animal Control Association.

The committee then decided to hold the next meeting on January 9, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Approved by *Sammy Pitts* Date *January 9, 2012*