

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
November 28**

Members Present:

Steve Reeb, Chairman
Carol Clark
Michael O'Donnell
Michael Baker
Robert Trentman
Fred Boch

Members Absent:

Oliver Hamilton, Sr., Asst. Chairman

Others Present:

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County Board
Lisa Porter, Chief of Government Affairs
Richard Angelo, Legislative Attorney, Best Friends
James Jacquot
Cheri Weaver
Ashley Jett
SCC Animal Welfare Advocates

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Reeb.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

The roll was called and a quorum declared present.

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016.
Second by Mr. Boch.

Vote: 6 yes 0 no

Motion Carried.

New Business:

No Kill Resolution: James Jacquot informed the committee members that the resolution sets a goal of 2021 to become no kill. With a target date of December 31, 2017 to actually have a comprehensive plan in place, to accomplish that.

Jim Jacquot introduced Richard Angelo, from Best Friends; he was visiting animal control today and spent some time talking about the resolution. They have some very good ideal regarding our cat issues.

Richard Angelo thanked board for taking up the no kill resolution. He stated, as he goes across the country trying to get more communities to become no-kill, it is happening in each and every state, all sizes of communities. The exciting part here is that St. Clair County has passed this resolution, which puts you in the first step of leading the way in animal welfare in the state of Illinois. As for as the community cat issue, that's primarily what I deal with at Best Friends. I work on ordinances, policies, and programs: I have a ton of people I work with who have different expertise in these areas. We would love to offer our resources that we have at our disposal. My colleagues and boss Ledy VanKavage, lives in Collinsville. She is very close and more than willing to come in and help. I'm looking forward to helping in any way that I can. I also want to thank the board for sending some of your employees to Kansas City Pet Project, which is a no-kill shelter in the Kansas City area. Thank you again for taking this up.

Steve Reeb asked Richard Angelo if he spent time today with Jim Jacquot at animal control. Mr. Angelo replied yes they did. He was kind enough to take me through the shelter as well. We sat and talked a lot about what it might take and the team work with the community to bring everyone together to try to make this happen. Steve Reeb, made the comment that the cat issue is very big. Mr. Angelo said it is a big issue nationwide. Fortunately St. Clair County is not unique, nor or the municipalities, because it is an issue everywhere. A lot of people have figured out how to work well with the dogs, and get the dogs out of the shelters as quickly as they can. Cats are another issue, they are a different problem altogether.

James Jacquot informed the committee the resolution will go up for a vote with the animal services committee tonight, and in December it will be on the agenda for the county board.

Chairman, Mark Kern said everyone has been doing a great job, and that we have a commitment that we are going to get a lot of help for the next five years to make this goal. It is going to take a lot of assistance from everybody. This is a great start, and the committee is to be commended.

Motion by Mr. Reeb to approve the No-Kill Resolution, second by Mr. Boch

Vote: 6 Yes No

Motion Carried.

James Jacquot presented the numbers for October 2016. He also advised everyone at the meeting that the numbers for each month are being put on Animal Services web site.

Bob Trentman advised the committee that he did a walk through of the adoption center last week, and there were seven kennels out of ten with dogs in them. They just adopted one out and they were getting ready to move four more dogs over.

Open Comments:

(All of the following questions were directed to James Jacquot, Director of Animal Services, unless indicated,)

Q: Unidentified: Thank you for putting Pit bulls in the adoption center. I wanted to ask Ashley, how you like the Chameleon program? Are you using the reports that are already in there, and getting that done?

A: Ashley Jett: We are still doing it the way we were. We are still trying to do the training as far as everything else.

A: James Jacquot: The input will not start until January 1, 2017.

Q: Unidentified: After we start this move, then where do we go.

A: Richard Angelo: Is there a business plan. No not really, just because there are tweaks in everything.

Q: Unidentified: How will we move forward?

A: Yes, I think that is part for the resolution. We will be getting together like we do on Thursdays, trying to come up with a program that we can actually implement by December 31, 2017. There is so much that is going to go into this.

Q: Unidentified: Who is going to make the first move, and how do we start?

A: We are not going to try to reinvent the wheel. We are going to use as many resources from people that have already done this like Best Friends and KC Pet Project.

Q: Unidentified: Did you get good ideas from Kansas City?

A: They are pretty overwhelmed even though they have a gigantic budget. And they could use a lot more. I think their attitude and how they approach things, is something we took away from there. They really don't get bogged down with a lot of protocols. They just do it. Whatever needs to be done, they just do it.

●: Unidentified: Is there one thing that they do besides that that we think you could implement.

A: The way they do things are so different; they have all of these animals integrated. They have their sick animals, their adoptable animals, their strays all together. But they have on staff veterinarians and techs that are there with them constantly. They have two full time vets and two part-time vets, and a whole medical staff. So they feel comfortable having these animals next to each other. They really don't segregate anything.

●: Unidentified: I agree, I think they should be separated.

A: They just don't have the room. They have animals stacked every place available.

●: Unidentified: There are organizations that have put a vet on staff. It has saved them tons of money. Is that something you might consider?

A: I have never really entertained that. We can talk about it. Originally we had Dr. Amlung years ago on staff. Then we got away from that due to cost. Then we went to a contract service. Back then they didn't do nearly what we do now as far as all of the spay and neuters. The majority of money spent on veterinarians services, is for spay and neuters.

When you do 800 of those a year, that is where the cost is.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Boch. Second by Mr. Baker. Motion carried.

Adoptions 2016

Month	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten
January 2016	5	3	5	7
February 2016	10	0	4	10
March 2016	6	6	4	8
April 2016	10	1	6	13
May 2016	20	5	2	2
June 2016	9	3	1	10
July 2016	11	5	0	5
August 2016	10	7	7	10
September 2016	7	8	2	10
October 2016	6	3	3	11
November 2016	7	4	3	7

Euthanasia 2016

Month	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten
January 2016	22	0	24	2
February 2016	22	1	36	1
March 2016	25	1	65	3
April 2016	24	0	50	6
May 2016	18	2	43	28
June 2016	36	4	83	69
July 2016	13	1	42	20
August 2016	60	0	57	42
September 2016	34	2	51	22
October 2016	22	3	45	41
November 2016	30	0	65	5

Recap

Month	Calls	Bite Cases	Intakes	Reclaimed	Rescue Pulls	Adoptions	Euthanasia
January 2016	158	29	175	46	71	20	48
February 2016	149	33	198	46	52	24	60
March 2016	218	36	238	39	72	24	94
April 2016	180	29	273	44	94	30	80
May 2016	167	37	290	50	101	29	91
June 2016	201	36	389	37	101	23	192
July 2016	152	39	247	38	135	21	76
August 2016	173	37	361	38	94	34	159
September 2016	146	39	273	43	68	27	109
October 2016	175	24	354	47	106	24	111
November 2016	151	31	296	36	84	21	100

Animals Reclaimed 2016

Month	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten
January 2016	43	2	1	0
February 2016	44	0	2	0
March 2016	36	2	1	0
April 2016	40	0	4	0
May 2016	44	3	3	0
June 2016	32	2	0	3
July 2016	34	1	2	1
August 2016	30	3	5	0
September 2016	35	4	2	2
October 2016	43	1	0	3
November 2016	29	5	2	0

Animals sent to rescue 2016

Month	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten
January 2016	45	9	11	6
February 2016	40	9	3	0
March 2016	43	7	13	9
April 2016	36	8	18	36
May 2016	36	11	13	41
June 2016	36	7	15	43
July 2016	53	11	18	54
August 2016	42	14	14	24
September 2016	30	12	7	18
October 2016	37	9	12	48
November 2016	34	11	13	26