

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
July 31, 2017**

Members Present:

Steve Reeb, Chairman
Robert Trentman, Asst. Chairman
Carol Clark
Michael O'Donnell
Fred Boch
Scott Tieman
Steve Gomric

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Lisa Porter, Chief of Government Affairs
John West, St. Clair County Board Member
James Jacquot
Cheri Weaver
Area Rescues

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. Boch to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017.
Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: 7 yes 0 no

Motion Carried.

New Business:

James Jacquot announced to the committee that Animal Services is full, especially with cats. We turned people away today because we have no space. It is that time of the year, this month and next month. We will have our clinic in October, and the Adopt-A-Thon will be held in September, we have not set dates yet.

Steve Reeb, asked if the adoptions were going good. James Jacquot replied we adopted out twenty-five in June, which is a little more than normal. We sent one hundred sixty-seven to rescue in June, which is a lot.

James Jacquot, advised that the live release rate was a little less than 69%, which is a little lower than it has been but we have had a lot more volume. The big increase in June was the requested euthanasia by pet owners. We had twenty in the month of June, which is about double than we normally have.

Open Discussion:

Frank Heiligenstein, asked if any of the county board get the news letter from the Illinois Association of County Board Members. In there was an article regarding a law they passed north of someplace, that prohibits roosters and quinnies and something else from any track of land that that is less than five acres. I don't think we have that on our books yet, but it is not a bad idea. Above five acres according to the article you can't do anything with, it is considered a small farm. But that is one thing in case any of you would be getting any complaints down the road since people are allowed to have chickens in residential areas and so forth.

Shelia Ford inquired that since Animal Services started vaccinating on the first of January have you had any out breaks of disease, and have you noticed that it has made a difference. James Jacquot, we always have the parvo which all those animals come in with, there is not much we can do about that. The vaccine is not helping that at all. We always have parvo, but we never had what you would call an outbreak. We always keep it individual.

Robert Trentman asked when people bring in cats, if their ears are clipped, what is the process of getting that cat adopted. Jim Jacquot, it is exactly the same as with all of them. We offer them to rescues, there is not as many cat rescues as there are dog rescues.

So it is harder to place the cats. Bob said, so right now when we are full of cats, when they come in they don't stay around too long. Jim Jacquot replied we keep them seven days. The problem with the cats that get brought in, most are feral. The TNR would help us with that, once it gets going. We don't trap cats, they can free roam in St. Clair County, and there is no leash law for cats. So every cat that comes in to our facility is brought in by somebody, either a property owner trapped it on their property, or just picked it up. We only have had one clipped ear cat this year. But again if we get an ear tipped cat, we don't know where it is supposed to go, without a microchip.

Shelia Ford asked, when a feral cat comes in, is the question being asked; where did it come from and will they take the cat back if they are sterilized. Jim replied no.

Bob Trentman asked so if a cat comes in with a tipped ear what does that mean. Jim replied that the cat has been fixed. Robert Trentman asked can we put them into the adoption center. A comment was made that the ear tipped cat is probably feral and should go back to the colony it came from.

Jamie Case announced that there will be a meeting tomorrow night with the Belleville Humane Society, Gateway Pet Guardians, SCCAWA, specifically about community cat issues in St. Clair County and what our groups can do to help them. So we will be meeting tomorrow night, then after that we might have some other ideas and plans to put in place.

James Jacquot stated that Dr. Lawler has met with the mayor of O'Fallon, Mr. Roach. They seem to be in favor of starting a program, or at least passing an ordinance where it can happen. He is going to be giving a presentation to their counsels here shortly. Also the City of Fairview Heights, Tim Tolliver, land and use director, they don't seem to be interested. There is a meeting August seventh with the mayor of Belleville on the same subject.

Jamie Case asked if the cats from Belleville that are coming in are they coming in from their ACO, and are they trapping cats. Jim Jacquot replied that Belleville has always trapped cats; they have a leash law in the city limits of Belleville. Also if we pick up cats they have to be contained.

Jamie Case stated that a quite a few of us just came back from a conference that Best Friends put on out in Atlantic City, Purina funded a lot of us to go out there. Three people from the Belleville Area Humane Society, one person from Helping Strays of Monroe County, Shelia Ford went also and four or five people from Gateway Pet Guardians. So we all went and there was a lot of talking about the feral cat issues. We have a lot of ideas so The Humane Society reached out and said, hey let's all get together and talk about these things and see what we can be doing as groups to support the stopping intake of the animals into animal control, and how to get them out.

James Jacquot announced that a lady from Best Friends is coming in Thursday. She will be at that meeting and then she will come to our facility.

Jamie Case stated the woman is coming from Austin, Texas. She was the head of their animal services for many years, and brought them to no kill. She was hired by Best Friends to be their regional director over the Great Plains area, Illinois, Indiana, and so on. It is exciting to have a resource like that, because the more they can see what we are doing the more likely Best Friends is willing to fund appropriately.

Shelia Ford asked has the budget for Animal Control come out for 2018. James Jacquot replied no. He also stated there will be no add-on.

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

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 07/01/17 to 07/31/17

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	POLICE	0	4	0	0	4
	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4
EUTH REQ		0	1	0	0	1
	OTC OWN	1	7	0	0	8
	TOTAL	1	8	0	0	9
OWNER SUR		2	5	7	2	16
	FIELD	0	3	1	0	4
	OTC	9	11	1	0	21
	TOTAL	11	19	9	2	41
RETURN	OTC	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	1	0	0	1
STRAY		1	13	5	5	24
	FIELD	3	11	3	1	18
	NIGHT	0	4	0	0	4
	OTC	23	31	33	2	89
	TOTAL	27	59	41	8	135
TOTAL		39	91	50	10	190

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 07/01/17 to 07/31/17

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	WALKIN	4	13	6	4	27
	TOTAL	4	13	6	4	27
DIED	IN KENNEL	0	1	1	0	2
	TOTAL	0	1	1	0	2
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	0	1	0	0	1
	BEHAV OBSV	0	3	0	1	4
	FERAL	7	0	1	0	8
	MEDICAL	5	13	4	1	23
	TOTAL	12	17	5	2	36
RTO	MICROCHIP	0	5	0	0	5
	PHONE	1	9	3	0	13
	WALKIN	1	9	0	2	12
	TOTAL	2	23	3	2	30
TRANSFER		13	27	17	4	61
	TOTAL	13	27	17	4	61
TOTAL		31	81	32	12	156

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		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4
EUTH REQ		0	2	0	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
	CAHOKIA	1	1	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	1	8	0	0	9
OWNER SUR		2	2	1	1	6
	ALORTON	0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	4	2	0	0	6
	CAHOKIA	0	3	2	1	6
	CASEYVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
	COLLINSVIL	0	3	0	0	3
	EAST ST LO	1	3	0	0	4
	FAIRVIEW H	0	4	0	0	4
	LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	1	0	6	0	7
	TOTAL	11	19	9	2	41
RETURN		0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	1	0	0	1
STRAY		0	9	6	2	17
	ALORTON	0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	13	23	11	2	49
	BROOKLYN	0	1	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	0	6	0	2	8
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	1	2

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STRAY	CENTREVIL	1	0	0	0	1
	DUPO	3	0	10	0	13
	EAST ST LO	0	6	0	1	7
	FAIRMONT C	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	2	1	4	0	7
	FREEBURG	3	1	6	0	10
	MARISSA	1	1	1	0	3
	O FALLON	1	3	1	0	5
	SHILOH	1	1	0	0	2
	SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	1	2	2	0	5
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	CAHOKIA	1	2	1	0	4
	COLLINSVIL	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	4	0	0	4
	FAIRVIEW H	1	2	0	0	3
	LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
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	CAHOKIA	0	0	0	1	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRMONT C	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	1	3	0	5
	O FALLON	0	2	0	0	2
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	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
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Animals Left In Shelter on 07/31/17: 125