

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
August 27, 2018**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
Michael O'Donnell
Fred Boch
Lonnie Mosley

Members Absent:

Carol Clark
James Haywood

Others Present:

Bob Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
June Chartrand, St. Clair County Board Member
John West, St. Clair County Board Member
James Jacquot, Director, Animal Services
Cheri Weaver, Deputy Director, Animal Services
Area Rescues

Call to Order

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

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. Mosley to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2018.
Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no

Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Robert Trentman replied it is time for public comment, if you have a public comment or a question please direct it towards the chair, then keep it to about two minutes if you could and state your name and where you are from, just so we can keep track of it, but you don't have to. Okay, public comments does anybody have anything.

Michelle from Belleville replied, I was wanting to know if there is any kind of plan or anything that is going to avoid having dogs being killed for space, when you are full and the community is upset because they can't drop off a dog, doing the something over and over.

James Jacquot replied we haven't euthanized anything for space, but we are catching a lot of hell, from residents, that's what it is right now. I think the owner surrenders this month there were seventy of them.

Sheila from Shiloh replied are they filling out surveys so we can figure out what the reason is.

James Jacquot replied I don't know if everybody signed one but yes we have a stack of them.

Steve Gomric replied can we maybe just give them a link that says there are a lot of different links and you can just do it online, so they don't have to fill it out right here. If you give them a link and say fill out the survey, that way it's anonymous, they can be as honest as they want and you can say like survey monkey you can usually do this for free, and then you can just tally up your results, without having anyone having to count like what each one is.

Cheri Weaver replied I don't think they would do it.

James Jacquot replied it is tough enough to get them standing in front of you. Most of them would just walk away from it, because they really don't want to tell anybody why they are giving away their dog or cat.

Steve Gomric replied but this way it is a completely anonymous, that way they don't have like even if it's an iPad say fill this out for us and the computer will tabulate the result for you right there. That's the only thing I was going to suggest.

James Jacquot replied we could try something like that, I mean we can see where it goes.

Jamie Case replied where do they come from mostly.

James Jacquot replied looks like twenty-one came from Belleville, ten from Lebanon, and then just kind of, yes Lebanon, that was mainly kittens, eight kittens.

Jamie Case replied we are super excited we got the finally approval from the District 189 to purchase the former Miles Davis School on 6th Avenue in East Saint Louis. We are hoping the keys get turned over to us by October 15, 2018, but we are going to be working on financing and all of that good stuff so I don't know if we can get a loan close to that quickly, but hopefully we will be able to expand our services for East Side Health District to where some of these intakes and things like can be diverted from there, so super, super excited about that. Then we submitted a grant for Pet's Mart Charities with Carol House Quick Fix Clinic and a few other large organizations Belleville Humane Society to target if we get it, which it sounds pretty promising six hundred spay/neuter for East Side Health District And Belleville. That's huge, that is like double the capacity in 2019 for spay/neuter.

Lonnie Mosley replied who is your contact for District 189?

Jamie Case replied we have been dealing with property for since about March of last year.

Lonnie Mosley replied who is your contact person. I want to make sure they are doing the right thing.

Jamie Case replied I don't have a specific person we have gone in front of the school board. Today was the final approval by the financial overseeing panel. It was a long process.

Lonnie Mosley replied that is why I asked you who your contact was.

Jillian from Gateway Pet Guardian replied I am with the animal welfare advocates, just to go back to what we were taking about earlier the dogs that we have, I believe there were six originally and for what I understand they were due to be euthanized because of space. This was about six or seven weeks ago. So looking at them saying we have to get them out, so heartworm positive so we did the fund raiser, we got everyone out except for one, that's Carmen. So if we had not of done that, I mean that is what we do, but if we had not of done that what would of happen to those animals.

James Jacquot replied I don't know.

Jillian replied because you didn't have any space, so I'm just wondering you know is there something you could do from your end as well as what we do, and we could pull together, because it comes as a shock it's like an electric shock when you see their faces,

we say okay we have got to save them, raise the money, get them out, and get a rescue to get them out.

James Jacquot replied and as you guys know a lot of the fundraising for heartworm positive hasn't really moved them that well. I mean they still sit there for a long time.

Jillian replied they are picked up pretty quickly.

James Jacquot replied no they are not.

Ashley Jett replied they still sit there for quite a long period of time, we have one that has been sitting there since end of June beginning of July that has sponsorship money.

Jillian replied the ones that we have been doing the fundraiser for they normally move pretty quickly, don't they?

Robert Trentman replied we will address that question, okay.

Sheila from Shiloh replied last month I asked about vaccines maybe being put into the budget for 2019, I think you know I just want to throw out some numbers as for as how much it cost to vaccinate up to date right now it is twenty-eight eighty-nine and that is cats and dogs. So just kind of throwing that out there. Also, we gave everybody a flyer for an upcoming fundraiser that we are doing, it is dogs of a different color. We are inviting all of the elected officials in support of what we are doing. The money that we raise will go back into the community through either people keep their pets for pet retention or go to whatever it may be needed for. Also you can view the art by local artist, come support us.

Robert Trentman replied how much was the amount that you came up with for vaccines?

Shelia from Shiloh replied this year we spent twenty-eight eighty-nine.

Robert Trentman replied this year 2018.

Shelia from Shiloh replied yes.

Robert Trentman replied so two thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine dollars.

Steve Gomric replied in 2017 what was that years total.

Shelia replied yes and that was just dogs. But that was also from vaccine companies. We now use Zoetis compared to Merial.

Gay Arnold replied has some questions but maybe I missed it somewhere along the line but awhile back I thought you were talking about maybe getting some estimates and getting someone to build a few more runs and stuff for more capacity, did that get nixed or whatever happened to that.

James Jacquot replied that was outdoor kennels and it got nixed. We ran into a lot of extra cost, the cost was just prohibited, we couldn't do it. We had to change all of the drainage, run sewer lines and everything else, what we thought was going to be a pretty easy project turned in to a very major project.

Gay Arnold replied because on the lost and missing pet pages and stuff there where so many dogs that got turned away and people didn't have anywhere to go with them. It's like I don't even know what to tell them, because I keep telling them animal control is full, I don't know what to tell you. They are giving dogs to other people that belong to other people, you know, I said you can't give them away, it just got to be crazy for a while, they give them away and it could be somebody's pet.

James Jacquot replied in reality space is a problem. I know no one wants to hear that, but space is a problem. All of the rescues are pretty much full, there is just no place for these animals to go, especially if we are not euthanizing them, which we are not. That creates a whole other problem.

Robert Trentman replied was that going to be outside temporary.

James Jacquot replied they were just going to be outside kennels. To do that outdoors, you had to run a new sewer line and everything else, that was expensive. It started out it was going to be like somewhere around forty thousand dollars and ended up well over one hundred thousand dollars to build ten kennels outside.

Jamie Case replied I know it is really hard but I do think that all of this programming that we are putting into place and where we are going I think 2019 numbers when we get there and have a full year of 2019 all spay/neuter programming, Belleville Humane Society, don't want to steal your thunder.

Shelly Korves replied yesterday we had our first community outreach spay/neuter clinic. So we spayed and neutered at least thirty-two animals, I think we were supposed to have thirty-four, but we had two no shows, and vaccinated sixty-five. We held the event in the Franklin Neighborhood Association but it was not just restricted to those people, but all of St. Clair County. The name of the game is spay and neuter and stopping it before because you can't warehouse and adopt out all of these animals. We have to get more animals spayed and neutered, we have to stop or slow the intake.

Gay Arnold replied who did the spay and neuter for that, I was curious.

Shelly Korves replied Op-Spot, it is a mobile spay neuter vehicle and we had well we partnered with cares organization.

Jamie case replied you have another location for them to recover.

Gay Arnold replied do we know when the other spay neuter that you guys just did is going to start.

James Jacquot replied it is September 22, 2018, we have been taking pre-registration, we have x number of dollars for it, so we will take them until we reach our limit.

Sheila from Shiloh replied on that spay/neuter grant we are also part of that. If everything goes well we will have one hundred spay/neuters for Belleville, so it would help us, I had spoken with Terry Denton from Belleville about trying to narrow down where the strays are coming from. He said he drops off ten to twenty percent, and the rest are just brought directly to you, so if there is anything we can do to zone in the zip codes that these animals are coming from, that would help us as we.

James Jacquot replied Janet tried to do that last week.

Janet Roberts replied I tried to do some pet retention right outside the doors.

James Jacquot replied but since we are full we are not getting a lot of traffic.

Janet Roberts replied it is mostly strays that people don't want to hold on to.

Sheila from Shiloh replied if we can narrow down the areas where they are coming from it gives a better idea to start honing in we are going to have to go out looking for areas. Anything you can do to help support this would be great.

Janet Roberts replied I just have one more question about the spay/neuter clinic, so you are taking people to sign up right now do you have any idea of where you are at like how many more are you going to be able to take.

James Jacquot replied I think we are getting pretty close.

Cheri Weaver replied we have twenty-three left, and it is pre-registration only.

Janet Rogers replied how much is it?

Cheri Weaver replied fifty dollars. This clinic you have to have the surgery done, if they just want a microchip and vaccination, we are not taking them. We get a lot of people

that have been to previous clinics, their pets are fixed, but they just like to come back and get the vaccination and registration.

Janet Roberts replied so the actual surgeries start the twenty second or all on the twenty second.

Cheri Weaver replied we are starting the surgeries on Wednesday.

James Jacquot replied with the pre-registration.

Cheri Weaver replied sending everything to the vet, they are calling the people with the appointment date, we are sending everything over there as for as the microchip the rabies certificate, and everything will be done at the time of surgery.

Janet Roberts replied and that is Belleville Animal Clinic.

New Business:

James Jacquot replied we have the spay/neuter clinic and we also have our adoption event on the twenty ninth of September and we are going to have it at our facility for the first time. Gateway and the Humane Society are going to participate in it.

Robert Trentman replied food trucks too.

Ashley Jett replied we have food trucks and vendors trying to get people involved and we are trying to get some music, something a little different. Hopefully we will get a good crowd.

Robert Trentman replied Jim when you say you're full, what exactly does that mean, how full are we.

James Jacquot replied that means every kennel and every cat cage has an animal in it.

Robert Trentman replied we had seventy people that wanted to drop off their cats and dogs.

Jamie Case replied you had seventy that could adopt or could drop them off at that point.

James Jacquot replied thirty seven cats.

Steve Gomric replied if you do have an iPad and you could just say what zip code are you coming from and it will calculate this and you could literally have it broken down by the zip code and I think that is what you are looking for more than anything else is the

feedback as to where there is an issue. If there is an issue in Lebanon then let's go address it more in Lebanon.

James Jacquot replied the other component to what we do there to is try to refer them to these different rescues rather than us taking them in.

Jamie Case replied that data is very important, on why.

Steve Gomric replied even in Belleville, Belleville is huge, if you put Belleville, but where in Belleville is there really a problem. That's what I was saying, just having that simple and if you do it electronically and not on paper you have the results immediately and you can go to and access and say this is where we have a hot spot or problem, and we can address it like that. It is that simple and in this day and age there is no reason not to have it done electronically. I know that may seem like, give the iPad to them right here, fill this out. This is an anonymous survey, that way they don't have, like look just do this, this is an anonymous survey, no one will know why you are doing this but it goes in to all of our data base so we can make a good judgment as to where we should spend our money.

Jillian replied I think a reason as well so the zip code is not a reason.

Steve Gomric replied I'm not going to get into it, you guys know what you want.

Jillian replied but if your filling it out, just a zip code and a reason why, just can't keep or.

Sheila from Shiloh replied they spay/neuter part is your dog intact or not or cat.

Robert Trentman replied so if we are taking in seventy how many did animals control take in.

James Jacquot replied the owner surrenders come through the office.

Robert Trentman replied I am saying what is that compared to the ones that we go out and pick up and stuff.

James Jacquot replied I think we, the total intake this month we two hundred and thirty three I believe.

Jamie Case replied the animal control officers bring in the strays. Again East Side Health District to where we can get some of these stray that are picked up on lost dog sites more than putting flyers out or something to get them reunited.

Robert Trentman replied what was your question again now.

Jillian replied when they are full when your totally full and we only find out and we don't have that long to do something about it, and getting the information the dog is due to be euthanized because of space.

Jim Jacquot replied number one to my knowledge we never put out anything saying an animals is going to be euthanized.

Ashley Jett replied it was posted by Stray Angels saying that these five dogs are immediate need of rescue because animal control was full. Sometimes I feel like when you do that it lights the fire under some of these people. None of the animals got euthanized, I don't think we had a reason to euthanize them and we don't euthanize them for space. I think they just got these rescues, they have been here for too long, something needs to be done, and they have to go.

Jamie Case replied this is a common problem by the way.

Robert Trentment replied Jim do we have anything else.

James Jacquot replied no.

Ashley Jett replied the Adopt-A-Thon we did thirty-four adoptions last month, and I think we are at thirty-four already this month.

Shelly Korvas replied about the clear the shelter, we did it for the first time this year and it really went amazingly well. Actually I was pleasantly surprised about the few things I was concerned about, I did not feel like the quality of the adopter was compromised, and we did not do them for free, they were at a reduced price.

Ashley Jett replied we kind of talked about doing something that, well it was Allison had brought it up maybe after clearing the shelter event then the rescues could maybe try to work together clear the animal control event, so that way it's not use adopting out the animals out there are so many being pulled by rescues there are so many being adopted out by rescues, but the Humane Society does twenty-six adoptions on that clear the shelter day, then maybe like allocate five dollars to animal control or something. Just something that we could work on, but not necessarily adopt out of animal control, because I still don't think that would work.

Jamie Case replied are your quarantine kennels for the adoption side, are those dogs sitting for any longer than their normal fourteen days.

Ashley Jett replied no we still show them. If their two week quarantine is up then we still show them. We have volunteers that come in and walk them, they just don't go anywhere for that two weeks.

Jamie Case replied the one big thing that works for Chicago is that the Chicago City Animal Control went out to the public and basically said we are full, we are at risk of starting to have to euthanize because we are full and the community needs us to be animal control and we need people to come now, today. Instead of doing clear the shelter it was like we need people to come today and adopt these dogs so we can make room for more. That was an effective tactic.

Robert Trentman replied are there any other board members to talk about.

Lonnie Mosley replied you come here every month are we getting results for you? Are you hearing what you want to hear, I'm talking to the group.

Sheila for Shiloh replied there is a lot yet to review and it's not going to happen overnight. We are getting there it's slowly painful, but sometimes it takes a while to get from point A to point B.

Robert Trentman replied it sounds like everyone is working really hard, it is all good news.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Gomric. Second by Mr.O'Donnell. Motion carried.

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 08/01/18 to 08/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	CAHOKIA	0	4	0	0	4
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	9	0	0	9
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	2	8	0	0	10
	COLUMBIA	1	0	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	3	0	1	4
	FAIRVIEW H	0	4	0	0	4
	O FALLON	2	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL	5	15	0	1	21
OWNER SUR	BELLEVILLE	5	6	14	0	25
	CAHOKIA	0	3	2	0	5
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	5	10	16	0	31
RETURN		0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	2	1	0	1	4
	TOTAL	2	2	0	1	5
STRAY		0	0	7	1	8
	ALORTON	1	0	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	15	19	12	2	48
	CAHOKIA	2	11	0	1	14
	CASEYVILLE	1	0	6	0	7
	COLLINSVIL	1	3	0	2	6
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	8	3	4	15
	FAIRVIEW H	3	1	0	1	5
	FREEBURG	0	4	0	0	4

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	LEBANON	0	0	1	0	1
	MARISSA	1	3	0	0	4
	MASCOUTA	0	2	4	5	11
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	0	1	2
	SWANSEA	0	7	0	2	9
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	25	61	33	19	138
TOTAL		37	97	49	21	204

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 08/01/18 to 08/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION		0	0	1	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	0	0	2	1	3
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	4	0	0	4
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	0	1
	O FALLON	0	0	1	1	2
	SHILOH	0	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL	1	6	5	2	14
DIED	BELLEVILLE	1	0	2	0	3
	COLLINSVIL	0	0	2	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	1	1	4	0	6
EUTH	BELLEVILLE	5	12	2	0	19
	CAHOKIA	1	2	0	0	3
	COLLINSVIL	0	2	1	0	3
	COLUMBIA	1	0	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	1	6	0	1	8
	FAIRVIEW H	0	4	0	0	4
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	2	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL	10	27	3	1	41
RELOCATE		0	0	3	0	3
	BELLEVILLE	2	5	3	2	12
	CAHOKIA	0	2	1	0	3
	CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	0	0	1	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	1	3
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	1	2

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
RELOCATE	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	0	0	2	0	2
	MARISSA	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	0	0	0	1	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	1	2
	TOTAL	3	12	10	7	32
RTO	BELLEVILLE	1	9	0	0	10
	CAHOKIA	0	3	0	0	3
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	MARISSA	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	4	0	0	4
	TOTAL	1	22	0	0	23
TRANSFER		0	0	2	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	11	6	23	1	41
	CAHOKIA	0	12	0	0	12
	CASEYVILLE	5	0	4	0	9
	COLLINSVIL	2	0	1	1	4
	EAST ST LO	0	9	0	0	9
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	1	0	2
	FREEBURG	0	2	0	0	2
	LEBANON	2	0	5	0	7
	MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
	O FALLON	2	3	0	0	5
	SHILOH	0	0	2	0	2
	SWANSEA	1	0	1	0	2
	TOTAL	26	32	39	2	99
TOTAL		42	100	61	12	215

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Intakes from 08/01/18 to 08/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	ABANDON	0	2	0	0	2
	CRUELTY	0	1	0	0	1
	OWNER D	0	6	0	0	6
	TOTAL	0	9	0	0	9
EUTH REQ	OTC OWN	5	15	0	1	21
	TOTAL	5	15	0	1	21
OWNER SUR	NIGHT	0	0	14	0	14
	OTC	5	10	2	0	17
	TOTAL	5	10	16	0	31
RETURN	OTC	2	2	0	1	5
	TOTAL	2	2	0	1	5
STRAY		0	1	0	2	3
	FIELD	1	19	0	6	26
	OTC	24	41	33	11	109
	TOTAL	25	61	33	19	138
TOTAL		37	97	49	21	204

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 08/01/18 to 08/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	1	1	0	0	2
	WALKIN	0	2	3	0	5
	WEB	0	3	2	2	7
	TOTAL	1	6	5	2	14
DIED	IN KENNEL	1	1	4	0	6
	TOTAL	1	1	4	0	6
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	1	1	0	0	2
	BEHAV OBSV	0	7	0	0	7
	MEDICAL	9	19	3	1	32
	TOTAL	10	27	3	1	41
RELOCATE		3	12	10	7	32
	TOTAL	3	12	10	7	32
RTO	MICROCHIP	0	9	0	0	9
	PHONE	0	4	0	0	4
	WALKIN	0	6	0	0	6
	WEB	1	3	0	0	4
	TOTAL	1	22	0	0	23
TRANSFER		26	32	39	2	99
	TOTAL	26	32	39	2	99
TOTAL		42	100	61	12	215