

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
February 26, 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:

Mark Kern, St. Clair County Chairman
Lisa Porter, Chief of Government Affairs
John West, St. Clair County Board Member
David Tiedemann, St. Clair County Board Member
Bob Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
June Chartrand, 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. Gomric to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018.
Second by Mr. Boch.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no

Motion Carried.

Open Discussion:

Robert Trentman made a public comment, here after the minutes, please keep it around two minutes so we can get as many people involved as possible and if you state your name and where you are from, would be great.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian, after last month meeting I thought it would be good for the committee to see the work that all of our groups are doing in the community as well. So we put together a spread sheet, so every ones numbers are on here to show what we all are doing for the counties animals. I also had a great meeting with Jim today about some projects that we are hoping to work together on, to move forward on life changing efforts, so I'm pretty excited about that.

Michelle from Belleville said last August 2017, there was talk about getting UV lights for the cats on both sides, both AC and the adoption center.

James Jacquot replied it has already been done.

Ronie from Belleville asked are there days that there a kennels open in the adoption center?

Ashley Jett replied for a very limited amount of time, maybe a day or two. It is not very long that we have actual kennels open in the adoption center, transition period between going from quarantine and going in to our adoption center.

Ronie asked is there a way to keep track of how many days there are kennels open in the adoption center. So like one day per each kennel open. Because every day a kennels is open that is one kennel day that it's not be utilized for an adoptable animal. I think that should be kept track of.

Ashely Jett replied I just started at the adoption center two weeks ago. I'm just trying to get into my groove, I can try to add another thing to my plate it that is what you guys would like, but I have a lot of stuff going on.

Ronie replied that could be tracked on the computer, that should be pretty easy, I would think. I'm not saying that it's your job.

Ashely Jett replied we are trying to keep the kennels as full as possible. We are trying to implement new things, to be able to keep those kennels full a lot more, to where we only have a day where we don't have an animal in a kennel, but it's a time thing. We quarantine all of our animals for two weeks, so sometimes there are two days where we don't have a kennel, because of a weekend; there are some things that happen that we don't have the ability to put a dog in a kennel.

Roni replied I agree that is going to happen. I'm a business owner I can understand how that happens. I run a business that has kennels. So I understand how that happens, you can't actually have everything perfectly for the right size dog for those kennels. But I think that is a number you should track over time and you should see what kind of progress can be made in making that number become lower over time. That's all I'm saying. I think animal control should strive to control that number over time.

Jamie Case replied I think it controlled perfectly fine, every shelter I have ever worked with the Humane Society or elsewhere you're always going to have a day, that is not significant.

I think Ashley will have a handle on it, I feel confident with her in that roll.

Roni replied if you look at that over a period of time you can see it go up or down.

James Jacquot replied one thing you can track for sure is that our adoptions are going up every year, the numbers of adoptions.

Roni asked because of whom, that is another question. Are they going out through your adoption center?

James Jacquot replied they are going out of our adoption center.

Sandy asked I just want to know from the last meeting is there any progress at all on the feeders?

James Jacquot replied we talked to Mason who is manufacture of the kennels we have. They don't have a retro fit for that, we sent out, one of our feeders to a local steel fabricator, he sent it back saying he could not do it, because he couldn't actually guarantee the quality of it. So we ordered some bowls, we are going to attach them for the larger dogs.

Ms. Bartel replied I own a business in East Saint Louis, Metro East Industries, which has nothing to do with this, but, how are we progressing against towards the no kill target date.

James Jacquot replied I think we are doing pretty well. The numbers for January are kind of an outline because that is the slowest month of the year. Depending on which methodology everybody wants to use. What we have been using all along it comes out to about ninety-two percent this month for us. But like I said that's on low intake, if you use Shelia's methodology it is like eighty-five point six. It is increasing.

Jamie replied Jim and I have talked about having that standard formula, whatever we come up with, we just need to agree on the same formula.

Mark Kern, Chairman St. Clair County replied, last year we did not euthanize one dog because of the lack of space, because of the help of a lot of rescues and a lot of hard work at animal services. That is good and now cats are going to be an issue getting into the cat season.

The question was asked, in 2017 we talked having volunteers that have rescue experience coming into walk the AC dogs maybe. Get them outside, get them some fresh air, take them for a little stroll, is there anything on that.

James Jacquot replied we always have not done that mainly because the stray population, they are there seven days normally. Now all of a sudden we are holding a lot of heartworm positive animals longer than that. We could definitely entertain walking those dogs, the ones that are walkable.

Michelle asked, you had mentioned about doing free pit mix or low cost pit mix fixes, any more talk about that?

James Jacquot replied no we have not had any further discussion on that.

Ashely Jett replied we refer them to the APA; they have a great program where they do it for free.

James Jacquot replied we can't compete with their prices. We have done right at six thousand spay and neuters in the last five years, discounted.

Jamie replied Gateway Pet Guardians just got a grant also from Best Friend to target Cahokia for one hundred spay/neuters, so there will be a hundred more from there.

Mark Kern, Chairman St. Clair County replied, what we are looking to do is to target heartworm positive, to try to be able to provide some kind of funding.

James Jacquot replied that is what Jamie and I talked about today.

Mark Kern, Chairman St. Clair County replied I think that is where our additional funds are going to go.

Hie asked how many adoptable animals are currently in the adoption center, not counting the ones already adopted and waiting surgery.

Ashely Jett replied we have four dogs that do not have deposits on then, we have four dogs that have deposits that have not yet finalized. We have two that left for surgery today, so there are kennels that we had full and our two cats.

Pam asked how the foster program was headed. Do we have fosters yet?

James Jacquot replied we just fostered one cat for the first time.

Pam asked how are you promoting that to let the public know.

James Jacquot replied actually we are trying to do the prenatal program. We have spoken to the Humane Society about that, they have a few people that do that. We are not going to get into just fostering dogs and cats, we are going to try to do the prenatal end which seems to be our toughest thing. Rescues generally if they have somebody they are already doing it.

Katie replied emergency, licenses and all of that.

Ashley Jett replied usually by four forty-five if there is nobody that steps up from a rescue to take those neonatal to foster then we would have that emergency licenses and somebody there as a standby to use them.

James Jacquot replied we are open to volunteers.

Janet Roberts replied I am the new Community Director for Gateway Pet Guardian. I have a question about what is the foster process like for you, because I have been on the job for about three weeks now and running into a of community members who want to help foster and volunteer, and of course we are an organization but I also want to know what else can I offer.

James Jacquot replied since we have never done this before we are relying on Belleville Humane Society said they would help us getting this started.

Katie replied we could provide them as for as get this, then that, and other things we don't to happen is folks running these animals to the vet when it is not necessary and things like that, so I think Ashley has a lot of tools, but like Jim said it hasn't gotten off the ground yet.

James Jacquot replied hopefully we will be doing that by April, when all of this starts.

Janet replied is it appropriate where a foster volunteer would be charged with finding the home and processing all the way thru, or would the dog come back to the facility.

James Jacquot replied we haven't got that far with the conversation.

Ashley Jett replied we were kind of thinking neonatal and that they would go to our adoption center, after they were old enough too large enough to be spayed or neutered then they would go to our adoption center.

Open Discussion:

James Jacquot announced to the committee, we scheduled our spay/neuter clinic for April 21, 2018 from 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Robert Trentman replied you said you have looked in to getting larger dog bowls for the larger dogs.

James Jacquot replied we ordered them today, they will attach to the kennels. We never have that many at one time, so we ordered twelve of these attachable bowls.

Robert Trentman replied so right now if people wanted to volunteer to walk animals, can they do that on the adoption side, can they sign up or how does that work.

James Jacquot replied again that is something we never have done this, so Lisa will have to get involved in that as far as our liability.

Robert Trentman replied we did do a small dog park across the street, it's an area where you can get off the street and walk animals and there is a fence down then the middle, the Humane Society is allowed to use one side and we use the other, so the dogs don't interact. That is a positive thing that happened last year. Also, we appreciate all of the rescues, we really do, this no kill plan is not going to make it without your help, let's work together, I think this is going to be a good year and positive things are ahead of us.

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

Kennel Statistics Report
Intakes from 02/01/18 to 02/28/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	ABANDON	0	1	0	0	1
	OWNER D	0	1	0	0	1
	POLICE	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4
EUTH REQ	OTC OWN	3	15	0	0	18
	TOTAL	3	15	0	0	18
OWNER SUR		1	3	0	4	8
	FIELD	0	4	0	0	4
	NIGHT	0	2	0	0	2
	OTC	4	3	0	0	7
	TOTAL	5	12	0	4	21
STRAY		3	19	0	3	25
	FIELD	2	17	0	1	20
	NIGHT	0	3	0	0	3
	OTC	10	18	1	2	31
	TOTAL	15	57	1	6	79
TOTAL		23	88	1	10	122

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 02/01/18 to 02/28/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	0	1	3	2	6
	WALKIN	3	4	1	0	8
	WEB	2	2	1	0	5
	TOTAL	5	7	5	2	19
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	0	2	0	0	2
	BEHAV OBSV	0	2	0	0	2
	FERAL	2	0	0	0	2
	MEDICAL	6	14	0	0	20
	TOO OLD	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	9	18	0	0	27
RTO	MICROCHIP	0	4	0	0	4
	PHONE	0	10	0	0	10
	TAG LIC	0	2	0	0	2
	WALKIN	1	2	0	0	3
	WEB	2	4	0	0	6
	TOTAL	3	22	0	0	25
TRANSFER		17	40	0	4	61
	TOTAL	17	40	0	4	61
TOTAL		34	87	5	6	132

Kennel Statistics Report
Intakes from 02/01/18 to 02/28/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	1	7	0	0	8
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	2	0	0	2
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
	ST LIBORY	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	3	15	0	0	18
OWNER SUR	ALORTON	0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	1	3	0	0	4
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	1	3
	CASEYVILLE	1	2	0	0	3
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	3	5
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
	SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	5	12	0	4	21
STRAY	BELLEVILLE	3	12	1	4	20
	CAHOKIA	1	8	0	1	10
	CASEYVILLE	2	5	0	0	7

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	4	0	0	4
	DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	14	0	0	14
	FAIRVIEW H	1	2	0	0	3
	FREEBURG	2	2	0	0	4
	MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	1	0	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	1	1	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	2	0	0	2
	SHILOH	1	1	0	0	2
	SWANSEA	1	2	0	0	3
	WASHINGTON	0	2	0	1	3
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	ALORTON	0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	2	1	1	1	5
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	0	4	0	4
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	MARISSA	2	0	0	0	2
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	5	7	5	2	19
EUTH	BELLEVILLE	2	7	0	0	9
	CAHOKIA	0	3	0	0	3
	COLLINSVIL	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	3	0	0	3
	FREEBURG	2	0	0	0	2
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
	SHILOH	2	0	0	0	2
	SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
	ST LIBORY	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	1	1	0	0	2
	TOTAL	9	18	0	0	27
RTO	BELLEVILLE	1	10	0	0	11
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	CASEYVILLE	0	3	0	0	3
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1

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RTO	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	2	0	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	3	22	0	0	25
TRANSFER	ALORTON	0	2	0	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	6	10	0	2	18
	CAHOKIA	3	8	0	1	12
	CASEYVILLE	1	4	0	0	5
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	3	0	0	3
	EAST ST LO	1	6	0	0	7
	FAIRVIEW H	2	1	0	0	3
	MILLSTADT	2	0	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	2	0	0	2
	SHILOH	1	1	0	0	2
	WASHINGTON	1	2	0	1	4
	TOTAL	17	40	0	4	61
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Animals Left In Shelter on 02/28/18: 54