

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
May 29, 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
Bob Allen, 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. Boch to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2018.
Second by Mr. Mosley.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no

Motion Carried.

Open Discussion:

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.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied I was just doing some number crunching really, we are being featured at the Best Friend Conference this year of St. Clair County for all the work we have been doing together. So I have put some numbers together for that and I thought it would be great to share with everyone, so this just shows statistics from 2011 to 2017 and they were awesome, so I thought I would share them with everybody. This first sheet is all the information, the numbers the percentages of what has changed over the years. Then this one is just dogs, I didn't have time to put the cats together yet, and then this is the intake verses, intake is the larger number, euthanasia, then the save rate and how that has improved over the years as well.

Robert Trentman replied do you have time to get us some of the numbers?

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied well, yes so I mean the biggest thing is that in 2011 the number of animals that have come into the facility are about thirty-seven hundred, I'm sorry, are about sixty-seven hundred less than they were in 2011, sixty-seven hundred animals and that is yearly, that is not necessarily just one year at a time. So in 2011 the intake in the facility was eighty-nine seventy-five and the euthanasia was sixty-eight sixty-six that is a save rate of twenty-three in and a half percent. Now the save rate is about seventy to seventy-five percent roughly. I was seventy-two at the end of the year, using the same numbers in 2017. So again, there is about almost ninety thousand animals coming in, and last year it was less than twenty-four hundred animals coming in. So big huge, huge differences, that we can all be proud of, we should all be excited about, because those are big numbers of animals, the less that come in the higher probability they will be coming out alive. So, good work everyone.

Shelia Ford, St. Clair County Advocates, as you may or may not know we started a have a heart program in May and it is targeting the heartworm positive dogs that are less attractive to rescues because they present a financial strain on already cash strapped rescues. So we thought and actually patterning after something Gateway did for heartworm prevention month in April. We found that their have a heart fund and each pit bull is for each heartworm positive dog we raise three-hundred dollars, we usually exceed it which is pretty good and it gives the rescues incentive because now they have money to help pay for the heartworm treatment. So what I would like to let you know is so far we have helped ten dogs, five of those have been pulled, we raised forty-five hundred dollars for their heartworm treatment that we pay directly to the rescues and our goal is to get more of the public invested in and doing these on line fund raisers. They

get all of the money, no money is taken out for fees or anything like that, and we even created this lovely shirt that you will get for doing a fundraiser. Super easy, I can help you guys set it up and I actually challenge all of the people on the Animal Services Committee to do at least one of these fundraisers as leaders in our community and members of the Animal Services Committee, I can help you get it set up. You just give me your e-mail and we have more heartworm positive dogs which we most certainly will. Also while the supply lasts you get a box of dog treats because they keep sending them to me. So if you would like to do a fundraiser talk to me afterwards and I will get you hooked up, and of course wear the shirt proudly and let everybody know you have a heart.

Robert Trentman asked if there was anyone else.

Shelly from BAHs replied I was just going to tell you that two weekends ago I believe we did the first OP Spot TNR clinic and spayed and neutered twenty-eight mean cats. We did that with St. Clair TNR rescue and Animal Control. So it was a combination of funds.

(Note: Carol Clark arrived during open discussion.)

Shelia Ford, SCC Advocate since we have the surveys for owner surrenders and I took a glance at them today, one thing that I noticed was the majority of the people turning in their pets, they are not spayed or neutered. The other big reason I see is the people say they cannot care for them. So that might be something to look into, and the lack of spay and neuters. The other question I have was two months ago you had said you were going to St. Louis for a meeting with Animal Control.

James Jacquot replied I think Mark was trying to set that up when things went haywire.

Shelia Ford, SCC Advocate are you waiting on that to finish up the plan.

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County replied yes and I think we are waiting to see how the TNR program, putting flyers on people's doors and that is good. We want to wait and see the feedback from the neighborhoods so we can tailor the plan before we put it into effect and make sure it actually does what we want.

Shelly, BAHs replied I don't think we have had any negative feedback with our neighborhood people. We put doorknockers out the weekend before it, to let them know to keep their cats inside because we are going to be trapping. I don't think we have had any negative phone calls that I'm aware of.

Mark Kern, Chairman St. Clair County replied I don't think anyone is against it, they were asking questions about it but not opposed, that I have talked to.

New Business:

James Jacquot replied we met Thursday with the group of six I guess we will call them. We are working on a lot of initiative to affect some kind of change with the heartworm positive animals getting out of there. They are doing a fundraising, we are starting a protocol of medication once the rescues say they will take that animal which will offset some of their cost. The Advocates or is it Stray Angels is paying for that. We are trying that that will eliminate a lot of our problems with overcrowding. Because we are just backed up with heartworm positive animals. Even with the fund raising you still have to have a place to send them. It is space with a lot of rescues right now, April was probably the worst month we have had in I don't know how long.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardians replied so if it starting the medications while that helps the time that they are within our group as well, if they can start treatment earlier. It is a three month process for them to sit in our organization, so the faster we can get them moved thru then we can move new ones in. That has really been the target of all of our conversations.

Robert Trentman, replied do we have space.

James Jacquot replied yes, I think we were full a few times the last couple of weeks, I think we had kennels today. They don't stay empty very long.

Robert Trentman replied she mentioned on the owner surrender surveys, people I guess they put spay or neutered as any option or a reason.

James Jacquot replied I think what she was saying was the ones that are being surrendered haven't been spayed or neutered yet. The number one reason all the time is cost, usually, they can't afford to keep them.

Robert Trentman, replied if we can give them some options.

James Jacquot replied we give them place to call.

Robert Trentman asked if Carol House still does that.

Ashley Jett replied yes Carol House, APA does the free pit bull mix spay/neuter, microchip and vaccinations for free, there is Bark, we have a list of information for people to take for spay and neuter.

Robert Trentman, replied I'm just saying if we notice when they fill out the survey out and they check that right off the bat, we could offer that information to them. We can say here are some options.

James Jacquot, replied there is always the conversation when they bring the animal in. We try to find if there is some other place to send that animal rather than us. So we give them all kinds of options, generally by the time they get to us they have been calling rescues and just got to the point where they can't afford them anymore. We are kind of the last stop.

Ashley Jett, replied I think we are going to be micro chipping at a big adoption event, some kind of a pet event, June 23, 2018 from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m., it is at the Bright Smiles, it is off of Frank Scott Parkway. We are going to provide a micro chipping table, so we can chip people's animals, we are still trying to figure out whether we can take adoptable there or not, trying to find volunteers for that day.

James Jacquot replied it is actually a group of dentist that are doing it.

Ashley Jett replied they are going to have a huge adoption event there, fully advertised, I think it will be a good thing, they are just trying to start something new, so, take advantage of it and get some animals microchip maybe and hopefully get some adoptions.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied we also did our vaccination clinic in Cahokia, where we did one-hundred vaccines, the county helped us with that as well, we thank you for that. We noticed Cahokia is at the top of the list for strays and owner surrenders, so we are really trying to target Cahokia. We are about three months behind on spay/neuter appointments for Cahokia only. So lots of community members really want services really badly, so we are hoping if we can keep our work going in Cahokia that we can start to see some of those numbers further decline. Cahokia, Belleville, and East Saint Louis are the top three.

Bob Trentman replied ok we need a motion to accept Jim's report. Steve Gomric said I will make the motion.

Bob Trentman asked all of those in favor, opposed. Yes 6 No 0

Bob Trentman replied I would like to say two of my barn cats have been gone for a while have shown back up. So I have like six steps that go up to the barn, four of the steps last month had four different cats, so when I went out to feed the cats the other night I noticed the other two steps had a big orange cat on it that we got off of Whiteside Drive from a lady that Samantha helped us bring over and another black cat that we have had for twenty years. I don't know where it's been but, it's a barn cat and looks a mess. So the cats are all home and happy. Okay well it sounds like things are cooking along so, the adoption center is up and running smoothly.

Ashley Jett replied yep we are full, the adoption center full, holding full, got some surgeries tomorrow, and we have animals to put right in there.

Bob Trentman replied I would like to hear a motion to adjourn.

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

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 05/01/18 to 05/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE		0	2	0	0	2
	ABANDON	0	4	0	0	4
	OWNER D	0	1	0	0	1
	OWNER D	0	10	0	0	10
	TOTAL	0	17	0	0	17
EUTH REQ	FIELD OW	0	1	0	0	1
	OTC OWN	2	8	0	1	11
	TOTAL	2	9	0	1	12
OWNER SUR	FIELD	0	1	0	0	1
	OTC	13	5	19	2	39
	TOTAL	13	6	19	2	40
RETURN	OTC	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	0	3	0	0	3
STRAY		0	7	0	2	9
	FIELD	0	22	0	5	27
	NIGHT	0	1	0	0	1
	OTC	31	48	51	23	153
	TOTAL	31	78	51	30	190
TOTAL		46	113	70	33	262

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 05/01/18 to 05/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	0	2	2	1	5
	RESCUE GRP	0	0	0	1	1
	WALKIN	1	8	8	5	22
	WEB	0	2	2	0	4
	TOTAL	1	12	12	7	32
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	0	2	0	0	2
	BEHAV OBSV	0	10	0	0	10
	FELV	1	0	0	0	1
	FERAL	5	0	0	0	5
	MEDICAL	8	10	1	0	19
	TOTAL	14	22	1	0	37
RTO	MICROCHIP	0	9	0	0	9
	PHONE	2	12	0	0	14
	TAG LIC	0	1	0	0	1
	WALKIN	0	10	0	0	10
	WEB	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	2	34	0	0	36
TRANSFER		25	51	46	29	151
	TOTAL	25	51	46	29	151
TOTAL		42	119	59	36	256

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 05/01/18 to 05/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	ALORTON	0	2	0	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	10	0	0	10
	TOTAL	0	17	0	0	17
EUTH REQ		0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	1	4	0	0	5
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	0	0	1	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	1	0	0	2
	TOTAL	2	9	0	1	12
OWNER SUR		0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	8	1	7	2	18
	CAHOKIA	1	2	4	0	7
	CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	FREEBURG	0	0	3	0	3
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	NEW ATHEN	0	0	3	0	3
	O FALLON	3	0	0	0	3
	SWANSEA	0	0	2	0	2
	TOTAL	13	6	19	2	40
RETURN	BELLEVILLE	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	0	3	0	0	3
STRAY		0	1	10	0	11
	BELLEVILLE	13	25	17	6	61

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	CAHOKIA	1	10	0	3	14
	CASEYVILLE	1	4	0	13	18
	CENTREVIL	0	0	6	0	6
	DUPO	2	1	1	0	4
	E CARONDE	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	2	7	0	5	14
	FAIRVIEW H	1	6	4	0	11
	FREEBURG	3	1	9	0	13
	LEBANON	1	1	0	0	2
	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	1	5	0	0	6
	O FALLON	2	8	0	2	12
	SHILOH	1	2	0	0	3
	SMITHTON	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	3	2	4	1	10
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
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	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	3	0	0	3
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	0	0	1	1
	NEW ATHEN	0	0	5	0	5
	O FALLON	0	0	0	1	1
	SWANSEA	1	0	3	0	4
	TOTAL	1	12	12	7	32
EUTH		0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	8	5	0	0	13
	CAHOKIA	1	4	0	0	5
	CASEYVILLE	1	2	0	0	3
	CENTREVIL	0	0	1	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	0	2	0	0	2
	FREEBURG	2	0	0	0	2
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	1	0	0	2
	SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	14	22	1	0	37

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RTO	BELLEVILLE	0	15	0	0	15
	CAHOKIA	0	3	0	0	3
	CASEYVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	0	3	0	0	3
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SHILOH	0	3	0	0	3
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	2	34	0	0	36
TRANSFER		0	0	5	0	5
	BELLEVILLE	12	16	21	10	59
	CAHOKIA	0	7	2	1	10
	CASEYVILLE	1	3	0	13	17
	CENTREVIL	0	5	5	0	10
	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	2	0	1	0	3
	E CARONDE	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	9	1	4	14
	FAIRVIEW H	1	1	0	0	2
	FREEBURG	0	0	2	0	2
	LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
	LENZBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	1	1	0	0	2
	NEW ATHEN	0	1	3	0	4
	O FALLON	4	3	0	1	8
	SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	1	0	6	0	7
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1

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Animals Left In Shelter on 05/31/18: 111