

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
October 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, Chairman, St. Clair County
Bob Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
John West, St. Clair County Board Member
Anne Markezich, Director, Zoning St. Clair County
Herb Simmons, 911 Executive Director, St. Clair County

Call to Order

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

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

The roll was called and a quorum declared present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Mosley to approve the minutes of September 24, 2018.
Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Motion Carried.

New Business:

Robert Trentman replied Jim what do you have?

James Jacquoet replied not much other than we are full. I think the month of September, we only took in a total of one hundred fifty-eight animals. Which is probably fifty percent below the normal, because we are full.

Robert Trentman replied Ashley had, I seen that she had someone came and took a bunch of animals one day, like twenty or something. What organization was it, do you remember.

James Jacquot replied I don't know if it was one organization as much as they transported a bunch of them, I think to different locations.

Robert Tentman replied that is great, and it opened up some space, right, but I guess it was filled pretty quickly.

James Jacquot replied immediately. We are trying to come up with an answer for it, but I don't know what that is.

Katie Nelson replied Mark have you had a chance to think about the e-mail I sent, with some temp solutions.

Mark Kern replied viewing everything positively and I think when you guys are going to meet next, Jim we talked a little bit this morning.

Robert Trentman replied I am going to have public comments after discussion. So we are full. Are people filling out the owner surrender forms?

James Jacquoet replied actually I think in the month of September we only had a total of six owner surrenders which we are working real hard to get them to send them someplace else rather than us, that is down significantly.

Robert Trentman replied do you have numbers from the adoption event, can we go over that.

James Jacquot replied we did a total of twenty-two, it will be on the October reports since that was the twenty-ninth and they weren't finalized until October 2nd.

Robert Trentman replied someone asked about volunteers, do we have volunteers coming down and walking the animals, and are we using the little dog park we built across the street, do we take them over there.

James Jacquot replied daily.

Robert Trentman replied well Ashley is not here to ask her anything, but it seems to be going pretty well on the adoption side.

James Jacquot replied yes, we are right now getting ready for Marks event, Gifts from the Heart which is the eighth. We are getting dogs ready for that.

Steve Gomric replied how many dogs do you have for that?

James Jacquot replied for this event we will have six.

Michael O'Donnell replied is that the same as last year.

James Jacquot replied yes, six dogs, four cats, I think we are going to have a group of kittens this year.

Robert Trentman replied so I have a story to tell everybody, I did my first foster. I got a call from BAC Animal Clinic, I think it was on a Friday maybe they took in a big Husky from over in Castle Acers over in Swansea. I guess someone called the police, the police called BAC, then BAC ended up with the dog. So I went by and got the dog, put it in the back of my truck and took it home and put it on the big dog run that I got. Then it struck me, I got a big dog and I have to figure out how to find its home, or what am I going to do with this dog. So then I think about the other fosters and their dilemmas too, you know what I mean. So like what am I going to do. So I went over to Swansea and started knocking on doors to try to find the owners of this dog, and I wasn't having any luck, so I just about ready to give up and then I seen the mailman coming down the street, so I said hey do you know anybody looking for a big Husky dog, brown and white long hair. He goes yes, he gave me the address so I know exactly where the house is because I talked to the lady when I was campaigning the day before, but she said she was moving. So I got in my truck and flew over there as fast as I could because I was afraid she was moving to Texas. House is locked up and everybody was gone, I thought oh crap, so I knocked on the neighbor's door, I'm like hey I got this dog. They said oh my god that is the dog, the dog runs into the neighbors' house they are all crying and happy and calling some people, apparently I don't know if they have left yet, but they came back and got their dog, and I found the dog's home. It was a good feeling, and the feeling of not knowing where to go with that dog, is like where do you go with it, you know it is somebody's dog, as we get closer and closer to no-kill that is something we are going to have to figure out.

Robert Trentman replied is there anything else Jim?

James Jacquot replied no that is it.

Robert Trentman replied, can I get a motion to accept Jim's report.

Motion by Steve Gomric. Second by Mr. Mosley.

Yes 5 No 0

Public Comment:

Could you keep it to about two minutes and direct your questions towards the chair please.

Sheila replied actually thinking back on what you just said and talking about resources, you did the best things you could possibly do. As no-kill is moving along out there across the country, they are moving toward animal care centers also being resources centers. We do have the resources, and we would love to get them out there, and some of the places we have talked about having a bulletin board or some kind of board where we can put paperwork for pet friendly apartments, re-homing sources, low cost spay/neuters, what to do when you have lost or found a pet, there is all kind of information out there. In addition to that it would be helpful to have it on the web site, because people do utilize the web site so they can know they can go to the web site and find these resources as a place for them to start, instead of just calling and saying hey I want to turn in my cat, or hey I found this pet they can go on the web site and look to see what to do. So that would be a good place to start, we have the resources that you can easily pass off.

Shoshana replied I have a really short one in regards to the volunteers, I know there are volunteers on the adoption center side, I would love to see volunteers on the animal service side as well to walk some of those dogs once their stray hold and are determined to be safe, which a lot of them are. So there are plenty of volunteers who would be appropriate to maybe get those dogs some enrichment time as well. Especially now since they are staying there longer.

Katie replied I wanted to follow up on the owner surrender fee, I think we talked about that at different meeting asking people for the twenty-five dollar surrender fee. Is that something?

Robert Trentman replied a fee to surrender your dog.

Shoshana replied it would generate some funds and in addition to that it really makes people more accountable for the animals that they are getting rid of.

James Jacquot replied like a set fee, in September we only had six, so I mean right now that is going pretty good.

Shoshana replied that was because they were being turned away essentially.

James Jacquot replied that but everybody that comes in with an animal that owns it we refer them to you guys or everywhere. Most of them that have to get rid of them will come back. We will take their name and call them when we have room.

Robert Trentman replied I think we need to get a number, phone number that people are because when we lost our dog one time besides calling you I did not know who to call. I know to call you, most people don't know to call animal control. If there is some way we can get a number to everybody in this county, maybe we can attach it to a tax bill or something that says if you have lost your pet call this number. Like this lady did not know who to call when I found her dog, she did not know who to call, she called the police and they called me. But no one called animal control, maybe we can get a way for people to come and get their dogs and take a lot off of us and animal control and go pick them up.

Herb replied here is an example this was a fax sent to us and we put it up on the county EMA page and over two thousand people hit on it and all day long people were just asking and it was on the twenty first we had a way to get it out there. So if we need to ever get it out there this was somebody in Belleville that found it and sent it to us, so we put it online.

Robert Trentman replied somehow we can get a number and drill it into people's heads this is who you call, they would automatically know.

Katie replied that Mark and Jim and myself talked about was a marketing campaign for that very purpose but I was just thinking of like Sunday we had a police officer come with a lost dog, if every single police officer had a microchip scanner they would not have to necessarily, they could scan and be trained to get the pet back. Because I know that most of the animals well all the animals that leave animal control are microchipped and so more and more animals are microchipped and that is a pretty inexpensive tool that officers would have with them, to quickly find the owner rather than coming to any facility.

Steve Gomric replied what does a scanner cost?

Shoshana replied you can get a cheap universal scanner for around two hundred.

Robert Trentman replied does anybody have anything else under public comment.

Sheila replied there seems to be an increase in animals with the sores on their faces, is there anything that we can do to assist in maybe getting some more feeders that are less aggressive to the block head dogs.

James Jacquot replied we bought a bunch of bowls we are trying as we see that happened to put bowls in there instead if you have been in there a lot of the feeders are out because of that reason. Generally it happens the first day they are there, because most of them are hungry and they are jamming their faces into those feeders. But other than putting bowls in there we have been doing that, we had bought a bunch of bowls.

Sheila replied is there anything we can do to help to get more, just let us know.

Shoshona replied maybe for the big head ones start with the bowls and move to the feeders when they are not so hungry.

Robert Trentman replied is there any other comments or questions. Any other comments or questions from the committee. If not I need a motion.

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

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 10/01/18 to 10/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	OWNER D	0	3	0	0	3
	POLICE	0	3	0	1	4
	TOTAL	0	6	0	1	7
EUTH REQ	FIELD OW	0	1	0	0	1
	OTC OWN	0	11	0	0	11
	TOTAL	0	12	0	0	12
OWNER SUR	FIELD	3	0	0	0	3
	OTC	10	17	10	3	40
	TOTAL	13	17	10	3	43
RETURN	OTC	0	4	0	0	4
	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4
STRAY	FIELD	2	34	0	0	36
	OTC	24	28	21	8	81
	TOTAL	26	62	21	8	117
TOTAL		39	101	31	12	183

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 10/01/18 to 10/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	WALKIN	3	12	4	0	19
	WEB	2	1	0	1	4
	TOTAL	5	13	4	1	23
DIED	IN KENNEL	0	0	1	0	1
	IN SURGERY	0	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL	0	0	2	0	2
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	0	4	0	0	4
	BEHAV OBSV	0	8	0	0	8
	FERAL	1	0	0	0	1
	MEDICAL	6	10	4	0	20
	TOTAL	7	22	4	0	33
RELOCATE		3	15	8	3	29
	TOTAL	3	15	8	3	29
RTO	MICROCHIP	0	2	0	1	3
	PHONE	0	8	0	1	9
	TAG LIC	0	1	0	0	1
	WALKIN	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	0	13	0	2	15
TRANSFER		20	27	27	3	77
	TOTAL	20	27	27	3	77
TOTAL		35	90	45	9	179

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 10/01/18 to 10/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	4	0	1	5
	TOTAL	0	6	0	1	7
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	0	7	0	0	7
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	LENZBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	2	0	0	2
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	12	0	0	12
OWNER SUR	BELLEVILLE	3	0	2	1	6
	CAHOKIA	1	5	2	0	8
	CASEYVILLE	3	0	0	0	3
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	0	5	0	0	5
	LEBANON	1	0	0	2	3
	LENZBURG	4	0	6	0	10
	O FALLON	1	4	0	0	5
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	13	17	10	3	43
RETURN	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4
STRAY		0	0	1	0	1
	ALORTON	0	4	0	0	4
	BELLEVILLE	8	13	9	2	32
	CAHOKIA	1	9	0	0	10
	CASEYVILLE	3	3	0	0	6

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	CENTREVIL	0	2	0	0	2
	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	2	3
	DUPO	2	0	4	0	6
	E CARONDE	0	4	0	0	4
	EAST ST LO	1	11	2	4	18
	FAIRMONT C	1	0	1	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	4	4	4	0	12
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	3	0	0	0	3
	O FALLON	2	5	0	0	7
	SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	26	62	21	8	117
TOTAL		39	101	31	12	183

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Outcomes from 10/01/18 to 10/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION		0	1	2	0	3
	BELLEVILLE	3	5	0	0	8
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
	COLUMBIA	0	0	2	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	1	3
	TOTAL	5	13	4	1	23
DIED		0	0	1	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL	0	0	2	0	2
EUTH		0	0	1	0	1
	ALORTON	0	1	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	1	10	3	0	14
	CAHOKIA	1	3	0	0	4
	DUPO	2	0	0	0	2
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRMONT C	1	0	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	0	1
	LENZBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	2	0	0	2
	MILLSTADT	1	1	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	7	22	4	0	33

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
RELOCATE	BELLEVILLE	1	0	1	0	2
	CAHOKIA	1	2	0	0	3
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	3	1	2	6
	FAIRVIEW H	1	4	0	0	5
	LEBANON	0	0	0	1	1
	LENZBURG	0	0	3	0	3
	O FALLON	0	3	3	0	6
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	3	15	8	3	29
RTO	BELLEVILLE	0	5	0	2	7
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	2	0	0	2
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	13	0	2	15
TRANSFER	ALORTON	1	4	0	0	5
	BELLEVILLE	6	3	8	0	17
	CAHOKIA	0	5	2	0	7
	CASEYVILLE	3	0	6	0	9
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	1	6	3	3	13
	FAIRMONT C	0	0	1	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	3	2	4	0	9
	LEBANON	2	0	0	0	2
	MASCOUTA	1	0	1	0	2
	MILLSTADT	2	0	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	2	0	0	2
	SWANSEA	0	1	2	0	3

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
TRANSFER	WASHINGTON	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	20	27	27	3	77
TOTAL		35	90	45	9	179

Animals Left In Shelter on 10/31/18: 121