

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
July 29th, 2019**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Scott Greenwald
James Haywood
John Waldron

Absent:

Mike O'Donnell

Others Present:

Cheri Weaver, Director, Animal Services
Julie Grady, Animal Services
Ashley Jett, St. Clair County Adoption Center
Robert Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
John West, St. Clair County Board Member
Herb Simmons, St. Clair County EMA

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. Gomric to approve the minutes of June 24th, 2019.
Second by Mr. Greenwald

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Gay Arnold (St Clair County Animal Welfare Advocates): I just have the advocates report for the last couple of months: We have raised \$3000 for ten heartworm positive dogs, most of which have gone to rescue. We've supplied one hundred doses of the Bordetella vaccine for AC dogs to hopefully help with any further outbreak of kennel cough. We've given two plus months of canine influenza vaccine donated by Zoetis. We conducted a microchip clinic in Belleville but due to short notice and marketing, there was only about six pets served, plus it was 105 degrees that day and we were outside. I wouldn't have brought my pet. Dogs and Cats of a Different Color kick-off party is scheduled for the 27th of September at Copper Fire. We hope to have another meeting with them soon to decide on the food for that fundraiser. We delivered donations of indestructible toys to AC for stray dogs to enjoy during their stay. We have taken in a lot of dogs since AC has been full, we're juggling to find a place to keep them safe, but it's getting kind of overwhelming. Other than having two new dogs and nowhere to go we've scanned about ten dogs in the last couple of months of which about six of them have had microchips. We're hoping to get more of them microchipped.

Dawn Blackwell (BAHS): Just a reminder, we're having the Slumber Party for all the different organizations; there are 15 of them in the area that are involved. Please support the rescues.

Animal Control Reports:

Cheri: Like they said, we're still full. Out of the 40 stray dog kennels, 35 of the dogs are available to be pulled. So we only have five that we're still trying to locate an owner. The cats are not leaving either. There's only one place that pulls feral cats, but they also pull from other facilities and they go up to Springfield several at a time. So they're just sitting there. Feral cats don't like to be confined, so it's rough on them. Our save rate is 93%

Julie: As they're saying, for our cats, we have 43 currently, 31 are available, 10 of those are feral. We have some sick cats. Recently, these feral cats come in from a very unhealthy area and carrying diseases, so we're obviously trying to minimize that as far as isolation and treatment of these cats, but there's only so much we can do.

Mr. Trentman replied: When you say there's 40 kennels and there's 35 dogs that can move to adoption side real quick or?

Cheri replied: They could go to adoption facilities right now.

Mr. Trentman replied: A lot of pit mixes as usual? Or a variety?

Ashley replied: There's a pretty good variety. There's usually more pit mixes. But probably 50% are other breeds, various mixes, small dogs that are available.

Mr. Trentman replied: That seems like a good number, 35 are ready to move out. Because before it seems like you were kind of bogged down. That is good that they're ready to move.

Ashley replied: What we're saying is 35 of our stray kennels are being held up. We have dogs that are able to go to rescue, 35 of our 40 kennels that we could be using to bring in strays and doing our calls. We can't because those 35 kennels have dogs in them that could be pulled. But we have to have someone to pull them. They're ready to go.

Cheri replied: Out of these 35 they go back as far as February.

Mr. Trentman replied: So we've had some that long?

Ashley replied: We have Brooklyn who's been there since February. So that's somewhere around 200 days. She's a bulldog mix

Mr. Trentman replied: A bulldog mix? Alright so let's get Brooklyn adopted out I guess?

Ashley: I was just going to touch on the Slumber Party. We have 9 participants who are trying to fundraise to raise \$1000 each by the end of August 11th. August 10th-11th from 2pm-2pm we're going to spending time in a kennel, interacting with a dog, showing what it's like to be in a "dogs paws". We'll be literally sleeping in a kennel for 24 hours with a dog. We've never done this before. This is our first time. We also have our adopt-a-thon for Saturday, Sept 28th. So it will be a four hour event. We'll have food trucks again, ice cream, vendors. As soon as the slumber party is over, I'll be hitting the adopt a thon pretty hard. Get some members together and get everything lined up. We are still looking for "slumber-ers" for the slumber party event. I have packets, if anyone would like to take them or if you know anybody who would like to make a donation.

Mr. Trentman replied: Ashley is staying in a kennel, right Ashley?

Ashley replied: I am. I convinced my daughter and my significant other and my sister in law.

Mr. Gomric replied: I think it's a great idea!

Ashley replied: It's our first annual. We're hoping to participate again next year. All the money raised will benefit the animals that are in the adoption center and hopefully

provide some enrichment activities or programs we can create to make them more adoptable.

Mr. Trentman replied: I also will be staying in a kennel. After 24 hours, someone come around and let me out.

Ashley replied: We'll be facebook live from the adoption center's facebook page. You might get to see him or my face and route us on. So we can raise as much money as possible.

Mr. Waldron replied: How is this being marketed, out of curiosity?

Ashley replied: Mostly on facebook. The slumber party is different because there are 15 shelters all participating to try to make it the biggest fundraising event for animals in the St. Louis region. So Purina has stepped up with a PR firm that is helping with this. We also did a broadcast on kick off day which was July 10th at the base of the arch. Channel 4 and 5 were there. It's Burn PR Firm who has donated their services for that. As for the adopt a thon, it's just us sharing from our facebook page, we'll have two big banners on highway 15, the county webpage will post it and we try to walk Main street to see if anybody is willing to put our flyers in their windows.

Dawn replied: The Humane Society did it last year. Gateway Pet Guardians has done it the past two years and we've raised some pretty good money.

Mr. Trentman replied: So I ask all my friends, donate if you can.

MOTION by Mr. Gomric to approve Cheri and Ashley's report
Second by Mr. Greenwald

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Motion Carried.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Gomric. Second by Mr. Greenwald . Motion carried.

Kennel Statistics Report
Intakes from 07/01/19 to 07/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	2	0	0	2
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	0	3	0	0	3
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	1	0	0	2
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	4	8	0	0	12
OWNER SUR	BELLEVILLE	0	4	0	4	8
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	2	0	1	0	3
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	2	7	1	4	14
RETURN	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	0	2	0	0	2
STRAY	BELLEVILLE	11	20	7	2	40
	BROOKLYN	0	1	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	1	3	1	3	8
	CASEYVILLE	1	3	8	2	14
	CENTREVIL	0	0	0	2	2
	DUPO	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	5	3	0	2	10
	FAIRVIEW H	2	4	7	0	13
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	0	0	2	0	2
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	20	43	25	11	99
TOTAL		26	62	26	15	129

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 07/01/19 to 07/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	BELLEVILLE	0	5	3	0	8
	CAHOKIA	0	3	0	0	3
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	0	0	3	3
	EAST ST LO	0	0	0	1	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	1	1	0	2
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	0	13	4	5	22
DIED	BELLEVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	0	2	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	2	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL	2	0	3	0	5
EUTH	BELLEVILLE	1	4	3	0	8
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	5	2	0	0	7
	FAIRVIEW H	6	1	1	0	8
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	15	10	4	0	29
RELOCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	4	3	1	8
	BROOKLYN	0	1	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	0	1	1	1	3

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
RELOCATE	CASEYVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
	CENTREVIL	0	0	0	1	1
	EAST ST LO	0	0	0	1	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	1	0	2
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	0	0	1	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	9	6	5	20
RTO	BELLEVILLE	0	5	0	0	5
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	0	1	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	14	0	0	14
TRANSFER	BELLEVILLE	0	6	3	4	13
	CAHOKIA	1	3	5	2	11
	CASEYVILLE	1	1	6	0	8
	EAST ST LO	0	6	0	1	7
	FAIRMONT C	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	3	0	3	0	6
	MILLSTADT	0	2	0	0	2
	NEW ATHEN	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	6	21	17	7	51
TOTAL		23	67	34	17	141

Animals Left In Shelter on 07/31/19: 110

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Intakes from 07/01/19 to 07/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	OWNER D	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	0	2	0	0	2
EUTH REQ	FIELD OW	0	1	0	0	1
	OTC OWN	4	7	0	0	11
	TOTAL	4	8	0	0	12
OWNER SUR	FIELD	2	2	1	0	5
	OTC	0	5	0	4	9
	TOTAL	2	7	1	4	14
RETURN	OTC	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	0	2	0	0	2
STRAY	FIELD	1	17	2	1	21
	OTC	19	26	23	10	78
	TOTAL	20	43	25	11	99
TOTAL		26	62	26	15	129

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 07/01/19 to 07/31/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	0	4	1	2	7
	WALKIN	0	4	2	2	8
	WEB	0	5	1	1	7
	TOTAL	0	13	4	5	22
DIED	IN KENNEL	2	0	3	0	5
	TOTAL	2	0	3	0	5
EUTH	BEHAV OBSV	0	4	0	0	4
	MEDICAL	15	6	4	0	25
	TOTAL	15	10	4	0	29
RELOCATE		0	9	6	5	20
	TOTAL	0	9	6	5	20
RTO	MICROCHIP	0	7	0	0	7
	PHONE	0	3	0	0	3
	WALKIN	0	4	0	0	4
	TOTAL	0	14	0	0	14
TRANSFER		6	21	17	7	51
	TOTAL	6	21	17	7	51
TOTAL		23	67	34	17	141