

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
September 30th, 2019**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
James Haywood
Lonnie Mosley
Mike O'Donnell
John Waldron

Absent:

Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
Scott Greenwald

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
Herb Simmons, St. Clair County EMA
Susan Gruberman, St. Clair County Board Member

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 August 26th, 2019.
Second by Mr. O'Donnell

Vote: Yes 5 No 0 Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Animal Control Reports:

Cheri: Brooklyn is no longer at AC. She was pulled. Hopefully everything goes good for her and she finds a good home. Our save rate is 95%. As you know, we had the Adopt-A-Thon. A few sprinkles, but nothing to keep people away. Ashley did really good. 14 applications, 9 dogs/5 cats. One of those cats came from the animal control side. Thank you, Shoshana. Sunday the Humane Society neutered him for us. So he's going to a home with a very nice man with two little boys. They came in again today.

Mr. Trentman replied: where did Brooklyn go?

Ashley replied: Little Brother's Pet Rescue. Spencer kennels new rescue name. She went out there for a couple days to get settled in and then she's going to go to a foster.

Julie: I just want to say thank you to the rescues that are here, because we've had a lot of open dog kennels and dogs moving in and out. That's really been helpful. That's been fantastic.

Mr. Trentman: Why do you think we've had open dog kennels?

Julie replied: We've had a lot of reclaims, more than usual, I feel like. Rescue pulls have been up. Dogs have been moving steadily, so we haven't had to worry about space for about a month. That's been helpful.

Mr. Trentman replied: So the dogs that come in, how many are chipped?

Julie replied: I do have the numbers on that actually. This is one of my pet peeves, so I try to keep track of it. From January through June we had 101 animals with chips, but of those 101, long story short, 61% did not have sufficient contact information. Most of them were still reclaimed, but we have to do research and send letters and try alternate methods to make contact. That is an ongoing problem with all rescues, especially animal control. We rely on those chips to get animals home.

Mr. Trentman replied: Are they outdated chips?

Julie replied: Yes, outdated, never registered, rehomed them, etc.

Mr. Trentman replied: So it is a start.

Julie replied: Yes it is a start, but a lot of time it does end up being a dead end.

Mr. Trentman replied: Do you guys update the chips?

Julie replied: We don't. We give the owners the information to do so. A lot of times, when they are chipped and it came from a rescue organization or adoption facility, they do end up reclaiming them and they'll of course update it when they adopt the animal out again. But to me, 61% not having current information is quite a lot. And that's just the first half of the year. I think the second half of the year has been better.

Cheri replied: The only thing they need to do at the very least is update their phone number. The address isn't as important to make initial contact.

Julie replied: That's a good number of animals that are chipped, which is fantastic. If the owners aren't reachable, the chip is worthless.

Mr. Trentman replied: When we send out our yearly tag, can we put a note on that that says make sure you're info is current on your chip?

Mr. Waldron replied: How do you update your information?

Cheri replied: You'd have to call the chip company.

Mr. Waldron replied: Is there one company or are there many? What about Veterinarians checking it when pets are there? I've never been asked at the vet. But it seems like 61% is way too high.

Julie replied: Yes it is. Most Veterinarians do check them when you're there. They'll usually put it on the rabies certificates and when they do that, it's helpful. It will then be in our chameleon system and we'll have contact information, but again, it's not always current though.

Mr. Waldron replied: I wouldn't know where to find the information.

Julie replied: If it was from an adoption facility it should be on your paperwork. There is also a search tool you can google. Just type in the microchip number and it will show you what company it is and a phone number to call.

Cheri replied: Or if your veterinarian chipped it, they would know which company it is.

Mr. Waldron replied: Like he said, could there be a question on the license reminder like is your information current?

Mr. Trentman replied: Because if we can cut into that 60%. Most of them are picking them up that are chipped.

Shoshana replied: If they have a rabies tag, you can usually reach them through that, correct? In that case you don't even need the microchip.

Julie replied: Unfortunately, we do have a lot of animals come in that are chipped and current on their rabies, but are not wearing their collar. That also happens. I'm sure we can ask data processing to add a line on the reminder.

Mr. Trentman replied: Just something like "Make sure your information is current".

Julie replied: We just need something to get the word out. This is such a common problem. We pick up a chip, but 60% or more of the time we can't get ahold of them. That's unfortunate.

Mr. Trentman replied: That must be aggravating.

Cheri replied: We can add it to the receipts that we send out when they register. This goes out to everyone whether they have a chip or don't. That should be easy to do.

Ashley: We had our Adopt-A-Thon. It was great. We had a lot of vendors and a great turn out. The rain came a little bit in the morning, but then we started seeing people show up about 11:30. We did have 9 dogs and 5 cats with applications. We did have two other dogs included in part of the adoption event, but they left early on Friday. We had amazing volunteers, amazing vendors, I thought it was great. Doyle Wilson who plays the music at the county employee appreciation luncheon, provided his services as the DJ. It was good. We have four dogs at the shelter still looking and we'll start filtering more in from the animal control side. It's been busy. Adoption have picked up.

Mr. Trentman replied: Have you had a lot of volunteers?

Ashley replied: Yes, we have a lot of volunteers we count on every week to be there. A lot of them were there on Saturday. They come and help me in the morning and walk dogs while we're cleaning. We have a pretty good volunteer base.

Mr. Waldron replied: I just wanted to comment. I was there. I wanted to congratulate you guys on a great event. 14 in one day is awesome. Good work.

Mr. Trentman replied: I got a painted fingernail. A lady was there selling stick ons. So this was a sample. I bought some for my daughter. I just haven't taken it off yet.

MOTION by Mr. O'Donnell to approve Cheri and Ashley's report
Second by Mr. Mosley

Vote: Yes 5 No 0 Motion Carried.

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

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 09/01/19 to 09/30/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	ABANDON	0	1	0	0	1
	OWNER D	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	2	0	0	2
EUTH REQ	FIELD OW	0	1	0	0	1
	OTC OWN	9	9	0	0	18
	TOTAL	9	10	0	0	19
OWNER SUR	FIELD	0	2	0	0	2
	OTC	6	13	10	2	31
	TOTAL	6	15	10	2	33
STRAY	FIELD	1	20	0	12	33
	OTC	28	31	25	10	94
	TOTAL	29	51	25	22	127
TOTAL		44	78	35	24	181

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 09/01/19 to 09/30/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	0	3	3	1	7
	WALKIN	1	2	2	4	9
	WEB	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	1	8	5	5	19
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	0	1	0	0	1
	BEHAV OBSV	0	2	0	0	2
	MEDICAL	13	10	2	0	25
	TOTAL	13	13	2	0	28
RELOCATE		3	7	7	6	23
	TOTAL	3	7	7	6	23
RTO	MICROCHIP	6	3	0	0	9
	PHONE	0	3	0	0	3
	WALKIN	0	11	0	0	11
	TOTAL	6	17	0	0	23
TRANSFER		18	35	10	11	74
	TOTAL	18	35	10	11	74
TOTAL		41	80	24	22	167

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 09/01/19 to 09/30/19

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	BELLEVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	0	2	0	0	2
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	1	4	0	0	5
	CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	4	0	0	0	4
	FAIRMONT C	3	0	0	0	3
	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	SHILOH	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	9	10	0	0	19
OWNER SUR	BELLEVILLE	4	3	10	2	19
	DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	3	0	0	3
	FAIRMONT C	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	4	0	0	4
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	NEW ATHEN	0	2	0	0	2
	SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	6	15	10	2	33
STRAY		2	0	0	2	4
	BELLEVILLE	15	21	12	2	50
	CAHOKIA	0	3	0	10	13
	CASEYVILLE	1	1	2	2	6
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	1	1	0	0	2

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	EAST ST LO	2	11	2	4	19
	FAIRMONT C	2	0	1	0	3
	FAIRVIEW H	1	1	0	0	2
	LENZBURG	0	3	0	0	3
	MARISSA	1	0	0	1	2
	MASCOUTA	1	0	4	0	5
	MILLSTADT	1	1	4	0	6
	O FALLON	2	3	0	0	5
	ST LIBORY	0	2	0	1	3
	SWANSEA	0	3	0	0	3
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	CASEYVILLE	0	1	1	1	3
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	1	2
	O FALLON	0	1	1	0	2
	SWANSEA	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	1	8	5	5	19
EUTH	BELLEVILLE	3	5	2	0	10
	CAHOKIA	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	4	1	0	0	5
	FAIRMONT C	4	0	0	0	4
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	0	1
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	MARISSA	1	0	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	1	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	13	13	2	0	28
RELOCATE		0	0	0	1	1
	BELLEVILLE	3	5	6	2	16
	CAHOKIA	0	0	0	1	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	1	2
	EAST ST LO	0	0	0	1	1
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	LENZBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	3	7	7	6	23
RTO	BELLEVILLE	2	8	0	0	10
	CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
RTO	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	1	0	0	2
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
	SHILOH	1	1	0	0	2
	ST LIBORY	0	2	0	0	2
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	6	17	0	0	23
TRANSFER		1	0	0	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	9	9	3	0	21
	BROOKLYN	0	1	0	0	1
	CAHOKIA	0	3	0	8	11
	CASEYVILLE	1	3	0	0	4
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	1	1	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	1	11	2	2	16
	FAIRMONT C	1	1	1	0	3
	FAIRVIEW H	3	1	0	0	4
	MILLSTADT	1	0	4	0	5
	O FALLON	0	2	0	0	2
	ST LIBORY	0	1	0	1	2
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
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Animals Left In Shelter on 09/30/19: 113