

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 5:30 P.M.
August 31st 2020**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Scott Greenwald
Mike O'Donnell (via phone)
John Waldron (via phone)

Absent:

Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
James Haywood
Lonnie Mosley

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 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. Greenwald to approve the minutes of February 24th 2020.
Second by Mr. O'Donnell

Vote: Yes 4 No 0 Motion Carried.

Reports:

Cheri report: From February through July we were at a 98% save rate. Broke down to: February was 99%, March was 98%, April was 96%, May was 98%, June was 99%, and July was also 99% save rate.

Mr. Trentman: Do we have open kennels? Dogs and cats?

Cheri: Yes. We have more dog kennels open than cats, but we do have some cat cages that are open. Everybody has been doing a good job as far as taking animals, especially back in March and April when things were really bad, they all stepped up were taking everything as their time was up. Now we're kind of getting more back to normal, the "new normal". Things this month have been really busy. Ashley has been busy with the adoption center. The adoptions have never stopped.

Mr. Trentman: where do we see animals coming in from the most?

Cheri: I would say Belleville is still the main one.

Mr. Trentman: I see an animal services truck driving around. Do you deal with that person?

Cheri: Belleville dispatch takes the calls and they dispatch their person and then they go out, pick them up and bring them to us.

Mr. Trentman: Sounds like things are going good. Is there any volunteers coming much anymore?

Cheri: Yes, Ashley has volunteers that come on a regular basis that come to walk the dogs or take them out to the play park.

Ashley report: Animals are getting out. Adoptions are steady. We're doing between 13 and 20 adoptions a month still. We're doing well.

Mr. Trentman: What do you have? Lots of dogs or cats?

Ashley: We don't have too many dogs available right now. We have a few cats. Some long timers, but we'll get them adopted soon.

Mr. Trentman: I guess you're in contact with the rescues often?

Ashley: Every day.

Mr. Trentman: That's awesome.

Public Comment:

Sheila: Over the last couple of months some things in the community continue to go on. Unbeknownst to a lot of people there is another TNR group in our county that's making a difference in getting cats TNR'd. This is one of the founders and leaders of the group, Elena. The information that I handed out to all of you is a compilation of what they've done in the past 12 months. To tell you more about what they're doing with Sterilization Nation and part of the TNR solution.

Elena: I'm Elena, Jennifer Upton is my partner. We've been doing TNR in St. Clair County and some in Madison County for almost two years. The little half sheet that you see is a group overview. This is the flyer we hand out in the neighborhoods when we're going to start with TNR in colonies. It's just the two of us for the most part, but if you look at the stats page you'll see the total for about the past 12 months. We both have full time jobs, but we've been able to TNR 663 cats over 25 different colonies. Of those, 70 were pregnant or nursing. 12 were taken to AC. 76 we were able to get into rescue on our own, transporting, networking and vetting ourselves. You can see the breakdown of the locations. Adult vs. kittens is about 50/50. Male vs. females is about 50/50. Just keep in mind, female cats can have their first litter at four months. Their average litter size is five kittens and they can have three (litters) a year. So the growth potential for a colony is huge. If you don't have active and continuous TNR which is really why adding another TNR group is needed. The more the merrier. Out of the 25 colonies, we actively collect food donations from the public and we distribute to our colonies.

The last page, the TNR training is not something we're currently doing but something we hope to start soon. We're hoping that, since it's a community issue we want to engage the community. Since it's the two of us, we've slowed down. If we can really bring in more people, right now we're getting 10-20 requests a week for TNR and we're not spreading our name or word anywhere. People are just finding us. So I'm hoping we can just say, "Hey, do you want us to do a colony in your neighborhood? We're backed up 8 months right now, but if you want to become part of the solution you can have this training, that we'll have quarterly, we'll show you what to do, we'll make appointments for you, we'll give you everything you need if you can go be part of the solution yourself." We think this is the answer to the overwhelming cat issue is community engagement. We don't just put our heads down and trap. We talk to all the neighbors in the neighborhood and educate all the time. Something that we think people really need to know what TNR is.

Most people you have to explain it, and we want it to be something that the majority of people already know what it is.

Sheila: So we're pretty excited. I don't know what the process is to get them to be considered as part of the solution and be able to partake in appointments available through the county. Maybe we can have further discussion in September. In addition they are going to be a non-profit in a couple of days. It's pretty exciting to get community involvement and help in the homeless cat situation.

Trentman: Where is your group based out of?

Elena: I live in Shiloh and Jen Upton lives in O'fallon.

Sheila: We know the problem in O'fallon. The number done in O'fallon is 300 over the last 18 months.

Cheri: We're already setting up a meeting to discuss this.

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

Vote: Yes 4 No 0 Motion Carried.

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



Kennel Statistics

Intakes from 8/1/2020 to 8/31/2020

	CAT	DOG	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	82	88	170
BORN	5	0	5
NO SUBTYPE	5	0	5
CONFISCATE	0	5	5
HOSPITAL	0	2	2
OWNER DUTY	0	1	1
POLICE	0	2	2
EUTH REQ	1	7	8
OTC OWNED	1	7	8
OWNER SUR	5	17	22
FIELD	0	1	1
OTC	5	16	21
RETURN	1	1	2
OTC	1	1	2
STRAY	70	58	128
FIELD	0	20	20
OTC	70	38	108



Kennel Statistics

Outcomes from 8/1/2020 to 8/31/2020

	CAT	DOG	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	82	88	170
ADOPTION	9	7	16
REFERAL	2	0	2
WALKIN	3	0	3
WEB	4	7	11
DIED	2	0	2
IN KENNEL	2	0	2
EUTH	3	8	11
BEHAV OBSV	0	1	1
MEDICAL	3	7	10
RELOCATE	5	7	12
NO SUBTYPE	5	7	12
RTO	0	34	34
MICROCHIP	0	9	9
PHONE	0	6	6
TAG LIC	0	1	1
WALKIN	0	18	18
TRAN IN ST	35	31	66
NO SUBTYPE	35	31	66
TRAN O ST	28	1	29
NO SUBTYPE	28	1	29



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 8/1/2020 to 8/31/2020

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	80	8	33	49	170
BORN	0	0	0	5	5
(no jurisdiction)	0	0	0	5	5
CONFISCATE	5	0	0	0	5
BELLEVILLE	3	0	0	0	3
MASCOUTAH	1	0	0	0	1
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
EUTH REQ	7	0	1	0	8
BELLEVILLE	3	0	1	0	4
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2
OWNER SUR	15	2	4	1	22
BELLEVILLE	6	2	1	0	9
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
DUPO	1	0	2	1	4
FAIRMONT CITY	1	0	0	0	1
FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
LENZBURG	0	0	1	0	1
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
SCOTT AFB	2	0	0	0	2
RETURN	1	0	1	0	2
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	0	1
COLUMBIA	0	0	1	0	1
STRAY	52	6	27	43	128
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	0	1
BELLEVILLE	24	2	16	18	60

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
CAHOKIA	3	0	0	0	3
CASEYVILLE	0	0	2	4	6
CENTREVILLE	0	1	1	0	2
COLUMBIA	0	0	1	6	7
DUPO	1	0	1	0	2
E CARONDELET	0	0	0	1	1
EAST ST LOUIS	9	0	1	4	14
FAIRMONT CITY	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	3	0	0	2	5
FREEBURG	0	0	2	1	3
MASCOUTAH	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	4	2	3	5	14
SHILOH	0	0	0	1	1
SMITHTON	0	0	0	1	1
STATE PARK	2	1	0	0	3
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	2	0	0	0	2



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GRAND TOTAL	79	9	25	57	170
ADOPTION	2	5	1	8	16
BELLEVILLE	1	2	0	1	4
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	2	0	1	4
LEBANON	0	0	1	0	1
LENZBURG	0	0	0	5	5
O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
SWANSEA	0	0	0	1	1
DIED	0	0	2	0	2
BELLEVILLE	0	0	2	0	2
EUTH	8	0	1	2	11
BELLEVILLE	4	0	1	1	6
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
SMITHTON	0	0	0	1	1
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2
RELOCATE	5	2	1	4	12
BELLEVILLE	3	1	1	3	8
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	0	1	1
O FALLON	1	1	0	0	2
SCOTT AFB	1	0	0	0	1
RTO	33	1	0	0	34
BELLEVILLE	18	1	0	0	19
CASEYVILLE	2	0	0	0	2
CENTREVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	3	0	0	0	3
FAIRMONT CITY	1	0	0	0	1
FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
MASCOUTAH	2	0	0	0	2
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
STATE PARK	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
TRAN IN ST	30	1	7	28	66
(no jurisdiction)	0	0	0	5	5
BELLEVILLE	7	0	5	5	17
CAHOKIA	8	0	0	0	8
CENTREVILLE	0	1	1	0	2
E CARONDELET	0	0	0	1	1
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	1	6	9
FAIRMONT CITY	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	3	0	0	9	12
FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	2	0	0	2	4
STATE PARK	3	0	0	0	3
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	2	0	0	0	2
TRAN O ST	1	0	13	15	29
BELLEVILLE	0	0	2	3	5
CASEYVILLE	0	0	2	0	2
COLUMBIA	0	0	2	6	8
DUPO	0	0	3	1	4
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	2	0	3
MASCOUTAH	0	0	1	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	3	4
SHILOH	0	0	0	1	1
SWANSEA	0	0	0	1	1

Animals Left In Shelter
on 08/31/20

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
20	2	26	18	66