

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 5:30 P.M.

June 27th 2022

Members Present: Robert Trentman, Chairman
Scott Greenwald, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Robert Wilhelm
C.J. Baricevic
Mike O'Donnell

Absent: Harry Hollingsworth

Others Present: Cheri Weaver, Director, Animal Services
Julie Grady, Animal Services
Richie Meile, County Board Member
John Coers, County Board Member
Herb Simmons, SCC EMS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Trentman

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call and a quorum declared present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Greenwald to approve the minutes of May 31st 2022. Second by Mr. Wilhelm

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Cheri Report:

The save rate for the month of May is 96%. Adoptions fell from 14 to 8. We are still full. We have tried the public announcement, letting people know we are asking for help. Belleville City Hall put it on their facebook page and Fairview put it on their government page. Dupon has it on their Facebook page. We're trying to contact all the municipalities to get them to put it up so people are aware. Marissa, did it. There's some we still haven't heard from. Mascoutach, New Athens, Smithton. We're trying to get the word out there. Also on our door we did put a flyer up for people if they found a dog or cat: these are the steps you need to take. It also says there, if you pick up a stray it's a commitment. It's probably going to take at least a couple days. "I picked it up, but I can't keep it". We're just trying to make people aware. With cats, there's a flyer that shows different age groups. The "do's and don't(s)" If the kitten is (tiny) then it is still nursing. The mother is just off getting food. Please leave it alone. It just goes through the different steps.

Wilhelm: Do you see any light at the end of the tunnel at all?

Julie: I don't personally.

Unknown speaker: Where are these dogs coming from? Are these people who are adopted animals during the pandemic and don't want them anymore?

Julie: Everywhere.

Cheri: A lot of these dogs are housebroken.

Mr. Trentman: Shelley Korves came up with the idea of putting a little thing outside to put some flyers in. The Chairman is on board with it. So she's going to design it and run it by you all.

Cheri: Flyers for what?

Mr. Trentman: Information flyers. Something people can take with them. Shelly will put it together and we'll go with it. We have to do something. She has a lot of contacts. When people walk up, they can take something with them or things they can do in their neighborhood. So

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we're full on pets. I want to come down and get a couple barn cats. That might free up a couple cages.

Cheri: Need some barn dogs?

Mr. Wilhelm: Almost all are Pitbull mixes that you have a hard time getting rid of?

Cheri: We can't move anything because all the rescues are full. We have an English Bulldog. He's old.

Julie: Let's be honest. The biggest problem, for whatever reason is Irresponsible owners letting their dogs run. I've never seen so many stray complaints. People's dogs are constantly running. Even if it's a one time thing, they didn't have their collar with tags on, or they're not microchipped, or the microchip is worthless. It's never ending. We get calls all day long for dogs running at large. It's not difficult to contain your animals or affix them with ID in the event that they accidentally get out. It's so easy.

Mr. Trentman: When they leave do they leave with a collar on. Or do we give them a collar?

Julie: They usually have a collar or the owner brings it with them to pick up. We give them tags.

Cheri: Most of the people when they come to reclaim their dogs, they don't even bring a leash.

Unknown speaker: I don't know how microchips work, are they life long?

Julie: They are life-long but must be updated and that's usually the biggest problem. They are microchipped, but it was never registered or they moved/gave the dog away and it's still registered to the old owner. We have multiple dogs there now with microchips that the owner on the chip can not be contacted. A lot of people lose their dog and they end up at a shelter, they don't even bother. We talked about last time 100K+ more animals entering shelters this year, it's for a reason. Maybe the pandemic, people going back to work—their dog gets lost, "no big deal, we didn't want to keep it anyway." Almost all the dogs we have are owned. I can think of maybe 1-2 that act like they're not owned. I truly believe people are cutting their losses for whatever reason.

Cheri: A lot of people will just go get another dog.

Julie: It's just getting worse. It's not just us, it's not just this area. It's everywhere. It's just getting to a point where we're barely able to function.

Mr. Wilhelm: So you're avoiding picking up dogs when you can. That's what I'm hearing.

Julie: We can't. We have nowhere to put them.

Cheri: We have humane care complaints that we triage when a kennel opens up. We need to see which ones are more urgent. Strays running at large are last on our list right now. Bite cases are priority, Police assists, humane care complaints then stray dogs running at large.

Mr. Wilhem: So just to get an idea how many pick ups are you unable to do?

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Cheri: We will always get to them. We will complete them, but the way things are I can't tell you if it will be tomorrow or next week.

Julie: By then, the strays are gone, they're not there anymore. They're gone in the 20 minutes it takes to get there sometimes. We can't respond in a reasonable amount of time with one person for the entire county. If he's in East Saint Louis and he gets a call in New Athens, it will take him an hour to get there. That dog is not there anymore.

Mr. Simmons: We should bring a dog to our weekly show and do an adoption segment. We have several thousand people watch it every week. Might help. We can do it any day you want with a Covid update. Like what Julie was saying, people are rehoming their animals after the pandemic. You can adopt this beautiful animal and have the information up on the screen.

Cheri: They used to go to the Greenburg show and showcase adoptable animals.

Mr. Simmons: Give me a call and we can set up whatever is convenient. You'd be surprised the people that watch it. Maybe they'll get good homes.

MOTION: by Mr. Greenwald to approve Cheri's report

2nd by Mr. Baricevic

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Motion Carried.

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



Kennel Statistics

Intakes from 6/1/2022 to 6/30/2022

	CAT	DOG	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	83	47	130
BORN	0	3	3
NO SUBTYPE	0	3	3
CONFISCATE	12	1	13
ABANDONMNT	12	0	12
POLICE	0	1	1
EUTH REQ	1	4	5
FIELD OWN	0	2	2
OTC OWNED	1	2	3
OWNER SUR	16	5	21
NO SUBTYPE	0	1	1
FIELD	0	2	2
OTC	16	2	18
STRAY	54	34	88
FIELD	0	24	24
OTC	54	10	64



Kennel Statistics

Outcomes from 6/1/2022 to 6/30/2022

	CAT	DOG	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	79	49	128
ADOPTION	7	10	17
WALKIN	5	4	9
WEB	2	6	8
DIED	1	0	1
ENROUTE	1	0	1
EUTH	3	5	8
BEHAV OBSV	0	3	3
MEDICAL	3	2	5
RELOCATE	8	11	19
NO SUBTYPE	8	11	19
RTO	4	6	10
MICROCHIP	2	2	4
TAG ID	1	0	1
WALKIN	0	1	1
WEB	1	3	4
TRAN IN ST	32	17	49
NO SUBTYPE	32	17	49
TRAN O ST	24	0	24
NO SUBTYPE	24	0	24



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 6/1/2022 to 6/30/2022

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	43	4	34	49	130
BORN	0	3	0	0	3
BELLEVILLE	0	3	0	0	3
CONFISCATE	1	0	9	3	13
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	9	3	12
EUTH REQ	4	0	1	0	5
BELLEVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
E CARONDELET	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
OWNER SUR	5	0	0	16	21
(no jurisdiction)	0	0	0	6	6
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CAHOKIA	2	0	0	0	2
O FALLON	0	0	0	2	2
SMITHTON	0	0	0	8	8
SWANSEA	2	0	0	0	2
STRAY	33	1	24	30	88
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	0	1
ALORTON	2	0	0	0	2
BELLEVILLE	5	0	9	19	33
CAHOKIA	7	0	0	0	7
CASEYVILLE	1	0	2	2	5
CENTREVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
DUPO	1	0	0	0	1
E CARONDELET	0	0	1	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	6	0	4	1	11

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
FAIRMONT CITY	0	0	0	2	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	2	0	2	5	9
FREEBURG	2	0	0	1	3
LEBANON	2	0	0	0	2
MASCOUTAH	1	0	0	0	1
MILLSTADT	0	0	4	0	4
O FALLON	3	0	1	0	4
SWANSEA	0	0	1	0	1



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 6/1/2022 to 6/30/2022

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	43	6	41	38	128
ADOPTION	9	1	3	4	17
(no jurisdiction)	0	0	0	1	1
BELLEVILLE	2	1	2	3	8
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CENTREVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
LEBANON	0	0	1	0	1
MILLSTADT	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
SHILOH	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
DIED	0	0	0	1	1
BELLEVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
EUTH	5	0	3	0	8
BELLEVILLE	0	0	2	0	2
CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
E CARONDELET	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
RELOCATE	9	2	0	8	19
(no jurisdiction)	0	0	0	3	3
BELLEVILLE	2	0	0	1	3
CAHOKIA	2	1	0	0	3
CENTREVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
SMITHTON	0	0	0	4	4
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
RTO	6	0	3	1	10
(no jurisdiction)	1	0	0	0	1
BELLEVILLE	3	0	0	1	4
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	1	0	1
SWANSEA	0	0	1	0	1
TRAN IN ST	14	3	21	11	49
BELLEVILLE	3	3	6	3	15
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	1	0	1	2	4
DUPO	0	0	2	2	4
E CARONDELET	0	0	1	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	5	0	4	1	10
FAIRMONT CITY	0	0	0	2	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	2	0	3
LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
MILLSTADT	0	0	2	0	2
NEW ATHENS	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	1	0	1
SHILOH	0	0	0	1	1
STATE PARK	1	0	0	0	1
SWANSEA	0	0	2	0	2
TRAN O ST	0	0	11	13	24
BELLEVILLE	0	0	6	13	19
CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
E CARONDELET	0	0	1	0	1
NEW ATHENS	0	0	1	0	1
SCOTT AFB	0	0	1	0	1

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
SMITHTON	0	0	1	0	1

Animals Left In Shelter
on 06/30/22

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
45	1	19	41	106