

Lane County Animal Services Advisory

November 9, 2015

Meeting Summary

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<http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/Parks/LCAS/Pages/AnimalServicesAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>

Members Present: Dr. Bill Young, Dale Hyland, David Calderwood, Scott Bartlett, Jan Shelton, Tamara Banavige

Members Absent: Dr. DuWayne Penfold

Staff Present: Dave Stockdale

Guests Present: Cary Lieberman, Jaclyn Rudebeck – Greenhill Humane Society

Public Present (signed in): none

Co-Chair Banavige called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

0:00:00 – 0:9:31 Welcome/Public Comment/Questions and Discussion with Audience

- Janetta Overholser provided information about a child bitten by a dog in Cottage Grove where the owner of the dog took the dog to a vet clinic to have the dog put down and the vet clinic refused to provide that service, stating that the dog was too young and too healthy. This could be a significant issue when working with a dog with a known history of injuring others. This practice has been verified by others. Feels that education work with public safety agencies and others is needed.
 - o Discussion about the specifics of how this service was refused and questions/answers about ideas of what LCAS can do to help. Mr. Calderwood recommended that LCASAC provide guidelines to the commissioners.
 - o Discussion with Greenhill and their procedure on this subject.

0:09:32 – 0:11:30 Changes/Additions to Agenda

- Adding taxable items to Advertising
- There were no other changes to the agenda

0:11:31 – 0:14:35 Review of Meeting Summary of Recorded Minutes

- Discussion about items in the summary regarding rabies reporting and dog bites in Lane County. Change summary to show that Dale Hyland was absent. Discussion about what staff had said at previous meeting.
- Meeting Summary approved with changes

0:14:36 – 1:24:29 Greenhill Activities at 1st Ave. Shelter, Lane County Animal Services Activity, and Rabies Reporting

- 0:14:39 Report of Greenhill seeing a decrease in intake at the shelter, primarily due to decrease in public drop off. Report on slight increase in officer intake. Return of six cats to owner last month. Discussion about microchipping pets and how this service helps animals return to their owners, including a specific recent story of such activity occurring.
- 0:20:23 Reported on transferring fewer animals from 1st Avenue Shelter to Greenhill. Discussion about best ways to advertise to inform the public about lost pets and getting them back to their owners.
- 0:23:42 Discussion about changes to the City of Eugene's animal services program, including the hiring of a new manager and operational changes with a retiring officer.
- 0:25:00 Further discussion about the practice of vet clinics refusing to euthanize an animal with a known

history of aggression towards humans. Dr. Young provided general information of common practice of such circumstances and provided a past example and discussed liability associated with this for the vet and the owner.

0:30:19 Discussion about the status of Greenhill's capital improvement project of building a new facility for animals. Estimated cost of the facility is \$4 million.

0:31:21 – 1:50:30 Lane County Animal Services Activity

- Mr. Stockdale reported a busier-than-usual October across the majority of services provided by LCAS.
- Mr. Stockdale reported on a case where eleven dogs were impounded and taken to 1st Ave. due to neglect. The owner was cited for neglect. Acknowledgement of the benefits of the new Animal Services truck, now in use. General discussion of the current condition and status of these dogs.
- Mr. Stockdale reported that Officer Perkins is on temporary modified duty due to an injury sustained while performing his duties. Further acknowledgement of the benefits of the new truck making it possible for Officer Perkins to continue to perform his duties due to features of the vehicle. Discussion about the incident that caused Officer Perkins' injuries and the result of the owner being cited for Dangerous Behavior and the owner performing emergency euthanasia onsite..
- Update on the status of WAG and reporting of rabies vaccination. They have started submitting records and now have a monthly submittal plan to become current by submitting at least three months of records each month until they are current.
- Mr. Stockdale presented a staff proposed update to the Spay/Neuter Voucher program. The new program would increase the household income levels that are eligible for the program, remove the required written proof of income, allow for a free one year license, and provide for ability to receive the discount immediately at the time the service is desired. Discussion about the new proposal resulting in LCASAC requesting staff to seek approval for implementation of the proposed revisions. LCAS will provide training to vet clinics in the area who wish to participate in this new program prior to implementation.

1:14:28 – 1:31:54 Senate Bill 6 and Importation

- Mr. Calderwood discussed a case of Japanese Mastiffs coming into Oregon and his concerns of this case and other similar cases throughout the country. Mr. Calderwood provided some informational items regarding how other jurisdictions are addressing this important issue of importation of animals/pets. Further discussion about meat dogs from South Korea or other countries.
- Discussion about the need to know where the rescues, fosters, and shelters have received their dogs.
- Discussion about the requirement that all rescues within Lane County, as defined by the state, must be licensed and registered with Lane County Animal Services. Discussion about the need to be sure that we are doing all we can to protect pets.
- Mr. Stockdale reported that LCAS is preparing to add a ½ time Animal Welfare Officer to assist with the enforcement of rescues/fosters in Lane County.
- Mr. Lieberman reported that Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, and Washington counties have already implemented SB6. He also recommended that the next step for implementation would be to work with the Department of Agriculture and to work with state representatives.

1:31:55 – 1:37:54 Animal Abuse Reporting/Link Between Childhood Abuse and Later Criminality, Violence, Etc.

- Mr. Bartlett asked staff if the Animal Welfare Officer reports animal abuse in situations when children are residents where the abuse occurs. Mr. Stockdale responded that the officer is a mandatory reporter if he is aware of any child abuse. Mr. Bartlett inquired if it was required of the officer to report animal abuse to DA if the abuse occurred when a child was present. Mr. Stockdale responded that the legal mandate of SB6 did not require it, but that it added additional penalties for this sort of abuse. Discussion about possible updates/changes that should be considered as part of the policy.
- Mr. Calderwood suggested that Mr. Bartlett work with his contacts to provide additional information on this item next month.

1:37:55 – 1:52:58 Death of the Dog Magic While His Person Was in Custody

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- Discussion of the incident where EPD had taken a person into custody and that person allegedly reports that she had informed the officer that her dog was left alone in her car and requested assistance for help with her dog. The police never found the dog and when she was released from jail, she found the dog dead in her car.
- Discussion about working with law enforcement agencies regarding reviewing their policies about how to follow-up with reports of animals left in cars, houses, etc.
- General discussion about what are some things LCAS could do to help to make sure something like this doesn't happen again in the future. Discussion focused primarily on working with law enforcement agencies, animal welfare agencies, and working to provide education about proper intake and getting the question asked: "Are there animals that may be put at risk due to your incarceration?"
- Proposed that this question be addressed at the next LCASAC meeting.

1:52:59 – 2:02:32 Advertising, Particularly Full Page Ads of Sponsored Animals in Register Guard

- Discussion of various types of advertising methods currently being used and potential for use to help get animals adopted from the 1st Avenue Shelter. Discussion about the use of social media as a particularly helpful method.
- Further discussion about the Animal Welfare Officer's interaction and reporting with the Sheriff's Office.

2:02:33 Adjourn

The next meeting will be January 11, 2016.

The meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes Recorder

Dave Stockdale, Supervising Analyst