

Lane County Animal Services Advisory Minutes

February 10, 2014

Members Present: Ann Jensen, Chair, Tamara Banavige, Dr. DuWayne Penfold, David Calderwood

Members Absent: Dale Hyland, Scott Bartlett, Dr. Bill Young

Staff Present: Mike Russell, Lane County
Tina Anderson, Lane County
Cary Lieberman, Greenhill Humane Society

Public Present (signed in):

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The meeting started at 3:12 p.m. when quorum was reached.

Welcome/Public Comment

Chair Ann Jensen called the meeting to order. She opened public comment.

Robyn Broadbent – Ms. Broadbent stated that six dogs have been killed in the last four weeks at the shelter and would like to ask Cary Lieberman why.

Approval of the Minutes

The committee reviewed minutes for January 2014 minutes. Dr. Penfold moved to adopt the minutes as presented, Tamara Banavige seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jensen reviewed some ground rules for the public in attendance stating that the public comment period was over and that dialog with the audience will only occur if a committee member addresses a member in the audience.

Greenhill Activities at 1st Avenue Shelter

Cary Lieberman passed out and reviewed the January 2014 Shelter report. Fiscal Year to-date live release rate is 92%, Return to owner 5% of cats 61% of dogs, Over 1,300 volunteer hours for January which is more than 30% increase over last month.

Chair Jensen pointed out the low return to owner for cats. The committee discussed the need to focus some education on the benefits of micro-chipping cats.

Mr. Russell asked about the one euthanasia for behavior reasons. Mr. Lieberman did not have the details of that, but can provide it at another time.

Dr. Penfold discussed the work being done in Cottage Grove in conjunction with the Cottage Grove Humane Society regarding spay and neutering cats and that he appreciated how much can be accomplished by a small group of people.

Lane County Officer Activities

Mr. Russell explained that the Animal Control Officer was out on leave for most of January, so officer related activities were low for the month. Chair Jensen asked how we handle calls for service when there is no officer on duty. Mr. Russell explained that City of Eugene backs us up in these situations. Most things are able to be addressed over the phone.

Dr. Penfold asked if it was reasonable to ask City of Eugene to respond since we had a Sheriff's Deputy there too. Tina Anderson answered that typically animal control officers are not authorized to enter a dwelling and need the Deputy to accomplish that.

Mr. Calderwood asked about the difference between a "Dangerous Dog PR" and "Dangerous Dog WS". Mr. Russell explained that the "PR" means a public relations contact occurred where there is no formal complaint filed and the "WS" means that the complainant "will sign" a formal complaint and the formal Lane Code process is initiated.

Chair Jensen asked if there was an actual bite if it automatically goes to a formal process. Tina Anderson explained that it depends on the bite and it depends on the victim on how a complaint proceeds. Dr. Penfold discussed the requirement for veterinarians to report bites and the bind that can place vets in when it happens more than once. The committee discussed the Lane Code requirements and the processes involved in bite incidents. There is a difference between reporting a bite to Public Health authorities for rabies tracking and responding to formal complaints.

Changes to Lane Code and Lane Manual

Mr. Russell presented the staff report on the review of Lane Code and Lane Manual to update references to Health and Human Services, address recent legislation, and reflect current operations.

David Stockdale, Parks Analyst, reviewed the proposed changes:

- Registering Rescues – Do fees cover costs?
- Fees – nominal increases of around 20%
- Definitions of "Humane" and "Livestock"
- Programmatic changes referring to the Animal Services Fund
- License sales processes and policy – convenience fees allowed – Much discussion on this item. Not supported by some members of the committee. One license for the whole county? Determining jurisdiction is a problem.
- Good Samaritan handling of strays
- Providing false information, interference with an officer, or failure to identify yourself to an officer.
- Every appropriate animal should be vaccinated for rabies; every appropriate animal should be licensed including those in commercial or non-commercial kennels.
- 60-day requirement to present proof of rabies vaccination. Allows for the concept of "provisional license".
- Transferring rabies reporting requirements to Health and Human Services who now administers that code.
- Landlord responsibilities and remedies for abandoned pets making code consistent with State law.
- Tethering law implementation
- Changing the severity of violation for bites to humans to be higher than livestock.
- Classified animals are not allowed into off-leash dog parks or areas.

Mr. Russell encouraged the committee to review the proposals and provide any comment to him by email.

Slim Jim Update

David Calderwood presented a report on Slim Jim. The situation appears to be very positive and things are going well, however it is self-reported and has not been independently verified.

Discussion on Licensing Enhancement

Mr. Russell asked the committee to continue going down the list starting at idea #9

- 9. Remove zoning “limit laws” – delete “enables hoarding”
- 10. Licensing widely available from multiple outlets
- 11. Monthly drawing for compliant owners. - sponsored
- 12. Surplus County vehicle for advertising – D.A.R.E. – like vehicle
- 13. Provide online licensing and renewals – discussion of convenience fee and how to “hide” it from the public.
- 14. Implement licensing of Rescues – cost recovery, looking to Multnomah County as a leader in implementation.

Mr. Russell will revise the table with the committee’s comments and present it at next meeting for the committee to narrow it down to two or three ideas that they want to recommend to the Board of Commissioners for implementation.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 10, 2014

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 4:47 p.m.

Approved March 10, 2014

Minutes Recorder
Mike Russell, Parks Manager