

PIMA ANIMAL CARE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2009

PRESENT: Chair: Pat Hubbard, Humane Society of Southern Arizona
 Bradley Brumm DDS, Board of Health
 Nancy Emptage, Animal Welfare Coalition
 Mary George, Disabled Community
 Sophia Kaluzniacki, ASPCA of AZ, Inc.
 Lt. Ed Schlitz, Tucson Police Department

Jane Schwerin, People for Animals in the Prevention of Cruelty and Neglect
 Margaret Watson, Tucson Kennel Club

ABSENT: Jennifer Becker, F.A.I.R.
 Sharon Dial, D.V.M., Southern AZ Veterinary Medical Association
 Deborah Smoot, Animal Defense League of AZ (LOA)

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION / FOLLOW-UP |
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| I. CALL TO ORDER | | |
| A. The meeting was called to order at: 5:30 PM | | |
| II. MINUTES | | |
| A. Approval of Minutes for October 15, 2009. | | A motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting was approved. |
| III. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE | | |
| IV. REPORTS | | |
| A. Managers' Report | | |
| 1. Report | <p>Jane Schwerin asked how "Shelter" is to be defined for the purpose of the ordinance and no fee licensing. Mr. Janes responded that "Shelter" will be defined as defined by state law which is, "means a duly incorporated humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or other nonprofit corporate organization devoted to the welfare, protection and humane treatment of animals."</p> <p>The Animal Care Manager reported that new operations hours seem to be working. There has been an increase in spay/neuter surgeries for adoptions and redeemed animals. There will be an audit to correct licensing to report accurate billing to municipalities. Dispatch has shown to be accurate in their location entries when putting a call into the field, which results in correct billing.</p> <p>Kim Janes updated the Committee on the "McKnight Case" stating that the dog owner was linked to the license plate and the complainant declined to have the owner cited but was informed that PACC can issue 3rd party citations should the event occur again in the future.</p> | |
| V. OLD BUSINESS | | |

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| A. Noise Ordinance | <p>The Committee reviewed the latest revision. The Hearing Officers Ms. Jerrilyn Blackman and Mr. Paul Blaushield are in attendance to answer any questions the Committee or the Public has re Noise Hearings. Discussion followed on whether owners are given consideration for attempts to abate noise. The Hearing Officers stated that yes that is considered as well as duration and frequency. They spoke and clarified the definitions of duration and frequency and how they rule as well as considering provocation. Mr. Janes explained how noise complaints are handled.</p> <p>Hearing Officer Blackman complimented the Committee on their hard work and said, PACC serves as a model for other communities.</p> | <p>Mary George made a motion to accept the ordinance as written and Nancy Emptage seconded the motion.</p> <p>Peg Watson asked that PACC track owner's who redeem and elect spay/neuter as an alternative to costly boarding fees.</p> <p>Mary George amended her motion to include changes as listed: The 2nd infraction will be adjudicated by the Hearing Officer who may have to option to refer to the Justice Court. Six (6) voted in favor with 1 abstention.</p> |
| B. Offsite Licensing | Ms. Emptage forwarded Peg Watsons' idea of having news media follow and Animal Care Officer for one day on their calls, then follow-up in 30-days. | |
| VI. NEW BUSINESS | | |
| VII. ANIMAL WELFARE AND DANGEROUS ANIMAL CASES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER | | |
| | <p>WC# 2 – The Committee would like to see ACO's to give spay/neuter information for the public.</p> <p>WC #7 – Concern about owner, needs a recheck.</p> <p>WC #9 – Were that dogs still gone, any follow-up?</p> | Ms. Emptage would like to see mandatory spay/neuter on cats. |
| VIII. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE | | |
| | <i>Lena Baker</i> – Spoke of her frustration with the current process and would like the Committee to come together and write a noise ordinance that would benefit all involved. | |
| IX. DONATIONS | | |
| X. COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY STAFF DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER | | |
| XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| | | Kim Janes announced that he will be on vacation during the December 17 th , 2009 meeting. The Committee decided to suspend the December meeting and meet on January 21 st , 2010. |
| XII. ADJOURNMENT | | |
| The meeting was adjourned at: 7:30 PM | | |