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Manatee County Animal Advisory Board Meeting

Lisa Barnott,

Katie Howard

Lisa Williams

Gerald Thomas

Sarah Brown, MCAS Chief

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, Lisa Barnott at 5:46 pm
2. Minutes of September 2018 meeting were approved.
3. Chief Sarah Brown updates:
 - MCAS shelter population was 154 dogs and 131 cats. Month ended with a 93 % save rate.
 - Much progress at the shelter because of the hard work from dedicated staff and volunteers.
 - November 4-10 is Shelter Appreciation Week.
 - The shelter promotion in Oct, was "Fall In Love" and it features half price adoptions.
 - Help needed with volunteer program.
 - Orientation includes a safety and handling class. Experienced volunteers also mentor new volunteers to learn the ropes, safety and handling procedures and the Open Paw program.
 - Fiscal year ending on a good note.
4. Public comment
 - County Commissioner Carol Whitmore stated that the health department is checking restaurants and citing them for doggy dining incidents. The manatee county doggy dining ordinance is to be re-upped.



5. Board member comments:

- Katie Howard and Sarah Brown were checking into the possibility of using microchips as county licenses.
- Looking into asking code enforcement and building department for animal outdoor housing requirements.
- Lisa Barnott brought information concerning inmate dog and cat socialization programs. Commissioner Whitmore had spoken with previous manatee County sheriff who had not been amenable to the program. The biggest challenge seems to be funding.
- Katie Howard motioned to discuss with new sheriff. Motion passed.

6. Next meeting decided to be December 4, 2018.

7. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm by Chair Lisa Barnott.

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