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Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board

Wednesday, August 24, 2016; 5:45 p.m.
Manatee County Animal Services
305 25th St. W., Palmetto, Fla.

In attendance: Lisa Barnott, Rebecca Neal, Jean Peelen, Gerald Thomas, Lisa Williams, Sarah Brown, chief, Animal Services Division

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by board chairwoman Jean Peelen.

Approval of July 20 meeting minutes.

Division Chief Updates

- July save rate: 86%; 350 animals in shelter; there were 133 transfers, and 50 are in foster
- On Mondays and Wednesdays staff will be calling rescues to try to increase transfers
- Adopt-a-palooza: 36 animals were adopted from MCAS; 20 more from other rescues
- Volunteer training scheduled for Aug. 25
- The new medical suite is finished
- Manatee County approved the 10K grant from the Manatee Community Foundation for spay/neuter
- Staff starting to focus on internal marketing and more outside events
- Staff vet scheduled to start in a couple of weeks

Heartworm Fund Updates (Jean)

- Majority of the money in the “no kill fund” has gone to heartworm treatments
- Board for fund administration used to consist of Bill Hutchison (former division chief), Sue Kolze of Animal Network, and Jean Peelen. Going forward, Sarah will replace Bill.

Board Discussion on Policy Updates

1. **Discussion of creation of fund to supplement Animal Services, similar to Friends of the Library** (Rebecca Neal) To start a fund with Manatee Community Foundation, you must have an initial 10K. There is a .05% fee; 4% if you want them to invest it. We would want only one point of contact, which would be Sarah. Sarah met with a Friends of the Library nonprofit for some exploratory work on how their fund works.
2. **Can Animal Services support itself through services?** (Gerald Thomas) This will not be able to happen at this time without an exorbitant fee increase.
3. **Mandatory spay/neuter** (Lisa Williams) – Collecting information.
4. **Act to limit the sales of dogs and cats at Manatee pet stores, thus affecting the economic future of puppy mills.** (Lisa Barnott) Continuing to research.

5. **Owner requested euthanasia – should it be eliminated or modified?** (Dr. Doyens) Still studying.

Future issues:

1. Breeder licensing (Lisa Williams) will be investigating.

Public Comment:

- Support for mandatory spay/neuter and breeder regulation
- Assistant State Attorney Lisa Chittaro pointed out that having animal ordinances in place is helpful for law enforcement when they're trying to do their jobs.

Next Meeting: September 28, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. at Manatee County Animal Services

Adjournment: 7:05 p.m.