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## Animal Services Advisory Board Minutes January 25, 2017 5:45 pm

In Attendance: Sarah Brown, Chief, Animal Services Division; David Doyens, Jana Dunson-Martin, Rebecca Neal, Jean Peelen, Gerald Thomas  
Call to order at 5:45pm by board chairwoman Jean Peelen

12/7/16 Meeting minutes approved

Public comment - N/A

### Division chief updates:

- Need to capture community stats, not just MCAS stats for better overview of countywide efforts  
Includes: Animals in, out, euthanizing  
Will work with other rescues in the community to make it happen
- Currently: 154 dogs, 127 cats
- Fostering HW+ dogs
- Need cats fostered short term President's day weekend for tenting of downtown building (weekend of 2/17)
- 45 cats sterilized on Thursday
- Eventually moving cats downtown, converting current cat area to dog socialization area and library so kids can read to the dogs
- Shooting Orientation video soon which will make the orientation process easier for potential caregivers
- After watching video, volunteers will be assigned a mentor
- \$10k grant from ASPCA
- New Staff Position: foster, transfer and keeping animals out of shelters  
Grant will pay for position the first year
- Goal to reorganize staff to better meet our current needs
- Regarding the Dog euthanized in Dec, tightening protocols to make them more mistake proof, will try to put more efforts into lost and found
- Progress continues on data automation plan to increase efficiency

### Updates from Hans

- working on Volunteer database system
- Will be at Bradenton Farmers market 2/11
- Feb 17-18 Adoption event 50% off fees

- Feb 25, Get Rescued event in St Pete

### **Draft Ordinance on Animal Abuse Registry (AAR)**

Reviewed modifications and remaining questions on AAR

### **Public Comment**

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Joanna Paise and Shannon Flick from ARC

Discussion on revisions to the low income qualified spay/neuter program (Old resolution R-15-128, New resolution R16-165)

Discussed the need to simplify documentation to identify those that qualify for low cost spay/neuter services. We want to use every bit of funding available to help those that can't afford S/N. At the same time, we need to have consistent, clear documentation as these programs are audited by the county to prevent fraudulent use.

### **Mandatory Spay/Neuter**

Finalized recommendation to BOCC for MSN policy

From Gerald Thomas:

Pointed out a recent Rolling Stone Magazine article "The Dog Factory"

<http://www.rollingstone.com/culture/features/the-dog-factory-inside-the-sickening-world-of-puppy-mills-w457673>

Beware...it's a tough read.

**Next meeting: February, 22, at 5:45pm at Manatee County Animal Services**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm**

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