



Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board

February 26, 2019

In attendance:

Chair: Lisa Barnott

Jana Martin

Katie Howard

Lisa Williams

Hans Wohlgefahr

1. Meeting called to order at 5:47 pm by board Chair Lisa Barnott.
2. October 2018 and January 2019 minutes were approved.
3. Shelter updates from Hans Wohlgefahr:
 - Chief Sarah Brown was unable to attend AAB meeting because she was preparing for a conference.
 - Shelter population: 138 dogs, 59 cats.
 - Adoptions have been on pace, good and steady. Shelter staff/volunteers working hard to ensure great adoptions.
 - Upcoming events: A space at Paws In Motion (Humane Society walkathon). There were meetings with the Pirates baseball organization to host MCAS at some games. March 23 will be a library event: Meet Arin Greenwood, author of *Your Robot Dog Will Die*, at Palmetto library. Adoptapalooza is set to be held Aug. 3, 2019.
 - Adding Home-to-Home website information to Manatee County web site, it is a tool for rehoming pets. <https://home-home.org/>
 - Working with Dog Perfect. Pet supply store, locally at University Town Center.
 - Construction repairs to shelter being done. New cat facility should be ready around May, 2019.
 - Possibly two new officer positions in the future, Compliance officer and Community Communications. If all goes well, a new kennel manager will be in place in a few weeks.

- January 2019 had a 94% save rate.
4. Public comment:
 - Carol Whitmore has been able to obtain medical supplies for MCAS veterinary care.
 - Doggy Dining ordinance is done. Establishments need to register with county and cities to be in compliance and allow dogs to dine.
 5. Board business:
 - Information about Collier County breeding licenses presented.
 - Possibilities of jail/inmate programs discussed. Aside from training with dogs, inmates might be considered for general duties at the shelter, under supervision.
 6. Next meeting March 19
 7. Meeting adjourned.

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