

MEMPHIS ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD

WORK SESSION AUGUST 8, 2012

Present: Dr. Stephen Tower, Chairman; John Cox; Don Siemer; Jill Madajczyk; Jeanne Chancellor, Secretary; James Rogers, Administrator, Memphis Animal Services; Robert Ratton, Memphis City Attorney's Office.

Dr. Tower called the meeting to order.

The next public meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2012 at the Library. Mr. Rogers requested that the meeting be changed to October and this would put the open meetings at the end of quarters in shelter reporting which would make the reports more meaningful and easier to understand.

A motion was made by John Cox and seconded by Jeanne Chancellor to move the open public meeting to coincide with the ending quarters for shelter reporting which would make the next meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>. This change will put the meeting on target with the shelter quarterly reports. The motion was passed by the Board.

The board welcomed new member Jill Madajczyk.

Mr. Rogers gave the shelter statistics:

Intake year to date: 8024

Euthanasia year to date: 5264

Positive Outcomes year to date: 1825

1229 adoptions year to date

328 return to owner year to date

268 transfers year to date

Don Siemer asked how many animals were returned to owner due to the fact they were wearing an id/rabies tag or microchip. Mr. Rogers will have this information at the next meeting. He also asked if owners are charged with running at large when animals are claimed by their owners at the shelter.

Compassion Fatigue Counseling has been available to employees with Jody Bookman.

The current population of animals at the shelter today:

246 dogs

130 cats

2 birds

2 rabbits

Don Siemer asked what the stats were for intake divided by stray, surrendered etc. Mr. Rogers said he would have that information available at the next meeting.

Mr. Rogers reported that there were currently 6 animals listed as missing. The Board asked what breeds the missing dogs were, but the information was not available.

John Cox asked that the security video be closely monitored to make sure that Pit Bulls and other breeds were not going out the backdoor thus resulting in missing animals.

The availability of compassion fatigue counseling was discussed. Dr. Tower suggested that refreshments of some kind be offered during these sessions to ease the experience. Mr. Rogers agreed this would be a good thing, and he agreed to provide some type of refreshment.

Mr. Rogers reported that the morale at the shelter has improved among all the staff.

Mr. Rogers reported that the Shelter is working on a spay/neuter plan to offer to the community using shelter resources. He also announced the shelter is working on implementing a Trap/Neuter/Release program for feral cats.

Mr. Rogers reported on Zach Randolph's involvement with rescuing a dog from a drainpipe on the Greenline. The media attended the day that Animal Planet filmed at the shelter for a show about the rescue of the dog and Mr. Randolph's involvement.

Don Siemer asked about the liability of the Foster Program. Robert Ratton with the City Attorney's Office reported that the contract has been studied, and the City was covered in the contracts being used.

The subject of a camera in the Euthanasia Room was brought up, and it was stated that the City would not be putting any cameras in the Euthanasia Room. That decision is final.

The legal department is looking into the case where the Pit Bulls were stolen from the old shelter, and Robert Ratton will report back a soon as he has any information.

The question from the last meeting about the hold time for the video tapes was answered. The security tapes are held for 15 days before being written over according to Mr. Rogers.

Robert Ratton Reported on pet licensing he had been researching.

He had talked to Karen Walch in Chattanooga. Chattanooga charges \$10.00 for an altered animal and \$50.00 for an unaltered animal for a City pet license. The tags are issued through vet offices with \$2.00 going to the vet office for processing the tags. Animals are returned to owners free if they come into the shelter with a current license. If an animal enters their shelter with no license and unaltered, they are returned without a fee if allowed to be altered/licensed by the shelter. Chattanooga issued 84,00 licenses last year.

Mr. Rogers announced that the control pole is now allowed to be used in the shelter for the safety of the shelter employees and the visiting public. The control poles will only be used in dangerous situations not as a daily tool.

John Cox made a motion the meeting be adjourned. A second was given by Jeanne Chancellor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Chancellor