



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Animal Care Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

12:30 PM Animal Care Facility Conference Room, 2626 Holly Rd.

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Jarvis Amaya at 12:34p.m

B. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Chair Jarvis J. Amaya, Ronald Smith, Diana Cardenas, Jackie McCollough, Roland Dominguez, and Monica Montalvo

Absent: 1 - Michele King

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

[23-1659](#) Adoptions of Minutes- Regular Meeting September 20th, 2023

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes04-Oct-2023-01-57-19](#)

There was a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

[23-1660](#) Approval of Absences from September 20th, 2023

Michelle King-There was a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

E. Committee Reports

None

F. Staff Reports

[23-1661](#) Region 11 Zoonosis Report

Attachments: [PHR11 ZC Sep 2023](#)

Joel Skidmore advised there are no new cases to report for Nueces County.

[23-1662](#) Monthly Shelter Report and Clinic Report

Attachments: [September \(Comparison Report\)](#)

Joel Skidmore went over the September 2022/2023 Comparison Shelter report. Mr. Dominguez inquired on "Return to Owners", if there was any follow up on those that need vet care. Mr. Skidmore explained that for over the counter returns the owners are issued a Notice of Violation to provide proof of care and followed up by the Cruelty department if necessary. Dominguez inquired on the 1 Violation for 6-4 for 2023, Mr. Skidmore explained "Interference with an Animal Care Officer". Mr. Smith inquired on the "Foster" stats on the Comparison report, Ms. Force explained that this number reflects the fosters that are fostered out from the shelter that are at a foster home while they are too small and or sick until they are healthy enough to come back to the shelter for adoption. Ms. Cardenas inquired on the 2023 number "148" cruelty cases to which Mr. Skidmore corrected the number to reflect bite cases not cruelty cases which was "8". Ms. McCollough inquired on the amount of euthanasia numbers doubling from 2022 to 2023. Mr. Cox added that the intake numbers of animals also increased. There has been an increased number of mother dogs with litter and a recent hoarding cat involving cats. Ms. Force the euthanasia is mostly newborn kittens, other medical issues, injuries that cannot be treated at the shelter after rescue attempts have been made. Ms. Burbage advised that most medical cases are "Rescue Only" as the medical care is too extensive for an individual adopter. Mr. Smith inquired on the reasons for euthanasia under "behavior" category. Ms Burbage explained it's a combination of intake behavior, kennel, medical, etc. Mr. Smith inquired about the "Severe" category. Mr. Skidmore explained that is for a severe bite incident.

G. Unfinished Business

None

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action[23-1704](#) Discussion on House Bill 598 (Convicted Animal Abuser).

Attachments: [HB00598E](#)

Mr. Dominguez inquired on what action is or can be taken on House Bill 598, Convicted Animal Abuser. Ms. Force explained how a record is created in Chameleon as a PID (Person Identification Number) to be able to make notes and track cruelty cases. Officer Maguire added that there is currently not a shared reporting system at this time to share info across the state and it would only be known if there was a conviction. Ms. Cardenas

inquired on the positions granted and how one would be designated as a "Cruelty" Officers. Mr. Skidmore explained that we have a total of 20 ACO positions, 2 Supervisors, 2 leads and 3 Investigators. The investigators receive specialized training to be certified. Mr. Cox added that all officers have general training to identify what would be escalated to the cruelty team.

[23-1705](#) Discussion on Proposal to City Council on Tax Credit for allowing Pets to renters.

Mr. Dominguez suggested the board explore the possibility of tax credit to property owners to encourage more pet friendly and affordable housing. Mr. Cox explained what pros and cons would be involved and offered to reach out to Ms. Sanchez in finance for additional information. Ms. McCollough added that she agrees this is a common community issue as she sees many owners surrender for this reason, citizens unable to take pets with them on a move or unable to afford pet deposit, pet rent. Mr. Amaya also added he sees many posts on social media of people trying to rehome pets due to a move. The board voted unanimously to add to next month's agenda unfinished business.

[23-1706](#) Discussion on citizens follow standard municipal code governing pet ownership.

Mr. Dominguez added this item was in conjunction to the prior item and will possibly form a subcommittee if needed in a future meeting.

I. Future Agenda Items

- Discussion on update to changes in Chapter 6 Ordinances
- Discussion on update to budget items on decision packet and Needs Assessment
- Discussion on Fosters
- Discussion on possible "Ride a long" program
- Discussion on possible "Inmate rehabilitation" program with CCACS shelter animals
- Discussion on classes with Texas Cat Coalition to promote fostering

[23-1663](#) Next Scheduled Advisory Board: November 15th, 2023

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25p.m. All approved, and meeting was adjourned.