

Orange County Animal Services
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
919-942-PETS (7387)
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Virtual Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edmond Tiryakian (Chair), Bryan Stuart (Vice Chair), Lori Gershon (Secretary), Lucia Welborne, Brenda Scott, Lee Pickett, Sunita Driehuys, Dawn Roberts, Susan Spinks, Meggie Romick, Allan Polak

Members ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Sandra Strong (Animal Services Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Paula Greeno

Call to order: 6:32 p.m.

Virtual meeting voting guidelines addressed

Review and adoption of the meeting agenda:

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Bryan Stuart	Y
Lee Pickett	Y Motion
Lucia Welborne	Y 2 nd
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y
Meggie Romick	Y
Allan Polak	Y
Susan Spinks	Y
Brenda Scott	Y

Lori Gershon	Y
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Review and approval of October 20, 2021 meeting summary

- Meggie Romick and Alan Polak absences were excused

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Bryan Stuart	Y 2 nd
Lee Pickett	Y
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y
Meggie Romick	Abstain
Allan Polak	Abstain
Susan Spinks	Y Motion
Brenda Scott	Y
Lori Gershon	Y

New Business

- **Discussion from Director Dr. Strong**
 - o Program coordinator and Assistant program coordinator positions filled
 - o 5 remaining vacancies (including veterinarian and assistant)
 - o Statewide animal federation board- most agencies have staffing shortage especially with veterinary care
 - o Barn (feral) cat placement advertisements/public service announcement
 - Placed 10
 - Need to place 20 more
 - There will always be a need to continue to place
 - Dr. Strong will send ASAB the press release
 - Free adoption

- Drs. Pickett and Driehuys assisted AS in finding shelter for a homeless person and his dog and providing tick treatment so the dog could accompany the owner to shelter.
- Still searching for placement of wolf-dogs (Asheville, Maine), but they are not “adoptable.” Some are starting to show stress behaviors, but they are being treated with medication as needed and are allowed to run alone in enclosures.
- Shelter medicine student training to be held at the shelter and at Saving Grace.
- **Pat Sanford Grant**
 - 2 applicants reviewed by the committee
 - No recommendation made to the ASAB at this time
 - Committee will present its recommendation to the ASAB by email to vote on the recipient before the next meeting if there is a time constraint

Review of public participation guidelines

General public comments on items not on agenda: NA

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record (confirm completion): Confirmed

Animal Services Advisory Board

Old Business:

- **Update on Wolf/Dog hybrids**
 - WRAL reported on wolf-dog (“Gurl”) killed in Orange County
 - Ed Tiryakian drafted a letter from ASAB in response (but did not send it).
 - Dr. Strong has not received negative feedback from the BOCC and the County Manager has been very supportive and feels that it is not necessary to send it
- **Updates from Second Chance Committee**
 - Enforce the County ordinance in a comprehensive/holistic way by looking at the context
 - Unable to change the local ordinance
- **Remote Location Committee**
 - Public schools will not allow members of public into schools, so this is not an option for a location
 - Need to report to Clerk by mid-December dates and locations of 2022 meetings
 - ASAB meetings to resume at Eubanks Road in January 2022
- **Update on Wild and Dangerous Animals Ordinance Committee (Bryan)**
 - 5 divisions in current ordinance,
 - Division 1: definitions of exotic animal and wild animals.
 - Within ordinance is clause that equates wild animals with dangerous animals.
 - Exotic animals not domesticated animal and not native to North Carolina
 - Division 4 refers to display of wild and dangerous animals

- Division 5 refers to keeping of wild and dangerous animals
 - ASAB previously addressed this section
 - Sent for approval to county attorney who sent back comments that also included Division 4
- Committee is looking to merge divisions 4 and 5 and Bryan Stuart prepared draft for review and further discussion at the next meeting
 - Simplified language
 - Same intent and scope with the exception of no longer allowing “display” of undomesticated animals
- **Solutions to Noisy Rooster Complaints:** Committee created to address this issue: Ed, Brenda, Alan, Lori, Lucia

Informal Discussion: Reversal of the policy for removal of Red Wolves from the Endangered Species list

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.