



ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD

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THE INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 AT 6:30 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM C OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

Agenda

Call to Order
Approval of Minutes
Additions to the Agenda
Limited Public Comment

1. Millage update (new facility, new staff/hours)
2. Temperament test modification
3. July & August shelter stats
4. Employee handbook
5. Director's report

Announcements
Public Comment
Adjournment

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE AT (517) 676-7200**

INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD
July 25, 2016

Members present: Todd Tennis, Katlyn Turner, Tom Hess, Roxann Wilkinson, John Dinon, and Maria Iliopoulou (arrived 7:25).

Also present: Joan Austin (Lansing) and Cheryl Fritz (Okemos)

Call to Order

Chair Tom Hess called the meeting to order at 6:30 in Conference Room C, Human Services Building, 5303 S Cedar Street, Lansing.

Roxann Wilkinson, secretary for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Tom Hess; supported by Todd Tennis, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additions to Agenda

1. No Kill Designation-Maria Iliopoulou questioned the use of the no kill designation by the shelter. Director Dinon explained that although the shelter has not euthanized due to space in several years, he does not consider it to be no kill.
2. Reducing Fees for 2018-Discussion on the possibility of reducing shelter fees for 2018 since the 2017 budget is already set. Information will need to be brought to commissioners in early spring.
3. Revenue from Redemptions-Director Dinon was asked to bring figures for revenue generated by redemptions to next meeting.

Limited Public Comment

Joan Austin (Lansing) questions were answered during previous discussion.

Cheryl Fritze (Okemos) -disclosed that she was employed by WLNS-expressed concerns about the availability of payment plans to help more owners redeem lost posts.

Director Dinon: As reported at the May meeting, fees are set by the Board of Commissioners. Fees for 2017 have already been set; before 2018 fees are approved (spring 2017), ICAC will do a study of fees with the goal of ensuring the fees are logical and fair and promote ICAC goals while keeping them revenue neutral or increasing department revenue. Fees are designed in part to encourage license compliance and spaying/neutering. ICAC fees will be compared to other Michigan AC departments. Advisory Board input is encouraged.

Current redemption fees are designed to recover some of the shelter's costs and to encourage responsible pet ownership. Redemption fees are much lower for licensed dogs and pets that are spayed/neutered and current on vaccines. Fees are lower if owners promptly redeem their pets due to daily boarding charges. First time redemption fee for a licensed dog retrieved on the day after pick up is \$25.

ICAC does arrange payment plans with some owners, based on the specific situation and what is in the best interest of the animal. Animal owners must come to the shelter and identify their pet before a payment plan can be discussed. To qualify for consideration for a plan, the owner must not have outstanding tickets or already owe ICAC money, dogs must be licensed, and animals involved must be spayed or neutered (either already done or as part of redemption agreement). Spaying/neutering also significantly reduces fees.

Owners are required to pay 50% of fees or all deposits (whichever is higher) at the time of redemption and pay the remainder within 30 days.

Agenda

Director's Report

- Busy summer so far
- Adoptafest was a big success
- Shelter received two ASPCA grants; one to send Dr. Worthington to a conference at Cornell; the other to implement an Adoption Ambassadors program for fosters
- Shelter has a weekly spot on WLMI
- Sheriff's department has declined to deputize ACOs and it has been removed from the ordinance
- Tickets issued by ACOs are now considered civil infractions as opposed to misdemeanors
- Adoption fees have been reduced to relieve current overcrowding at the shelter
- Shelter millage is on the Aug 2nd ballot
- More consistency is needed in Multi-Ops (information is currently entered in several places allowing for mistakes and inaccurate reports)
- Euthanasia of dogs for temperament has been reduced by half and medical euthanasias for cats has dropped from 17% to 7.4%
- Kate T suggested that brand names like AVID be removed from SOPs so that they do not have to be rewritten
- Todd Tennis questioned that more animals were coming in than going out; DOAs are included which increases intakes and lowers live release-one of the weaknesses of Multi Ops

Announcements

Next meeting September 26

Public Comment

none

Meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Ingham County Animal Control
2016 Animal Inventory

	June		July		August		YTD Total		2015 TOTAL	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Dogs										
Dogs in:										
stray	107	73.8	86	68.8	74	57.4	547	57.5	899	64.8
owner surrender	29	20.0	25	20.0	37	28.7	181	19.0	225	16.2
sieze/impound	8	5.5	8	6.4	14	10.9	148	15.5	176	12.7
DOA	1	0.7	6	4.8	4	3.1	21	2.2		
other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	55	5.8	87	6.3
Total in	145		125		129		952		1387	
Dogs out:										
adopted	58	41.4	74	51.0	59	46.8	375	41.4	424	31.3
return to owner	48	34.3	43	29.7	34	27.0	299	33.0	432	31.9
transfers	2	1.4	5	3.4	5	4.0	45	5.0	104	7.7
Live release total	108	77.1	122	84.1	98	77.8	719	79.4	960	70.8
euthanized/medical	5	3.6	2	1.4	1	0.8	20	2.2	39	2.9
euthanized/ behavior	19	13.6	10	6.9	18	14.3	104	11.5	314	23.2
euthanized/space	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
died in facility	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.3		
DOA	1	0.7	6	4.1	4	3.2	21	2.3		
owner requested	7	5.0	5	3.4	5	4.0	39	4.3	42	3.1
Euthanized/died total	32	22.9	23	15.9	28	22.2	187	20.6	395	29.2
Total out	140		145		126		906		1355	

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	June		July		August		YTD Total		2015 TOTAL	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Other animals in:										
stray	4	50.0	1	50.0	3	37.5	16	45.7	34	61.8
owner surrender	2	25.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	6	17.1	12	21.8
sieze/impound	2	25.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	6	17.1	5	9.1
DOA	0	0.0	1	50.0	3	37.5	7	20.0		
other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	7.3
Total in	8		2		8		35		55	
Other animals out:										
adopted	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	20.0	17	50.0	40	70.1
return to owner	3	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	8.8	5	8.8
transfers	1	20.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	3	8.8	4	7
Live release total	4	80.0	1	33.3	2	40.0	23	67.6	49	86
euthanized/medical	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.9	3	5.3
euthanized/ behavior	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.9	5	8.8
euthanized/space	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
died in facility	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
DOA	1	20.0	2	66.7	3	60.0	9	26.5		
owner requested	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Euthanized/died total	1	20.0	2	66.7	3	60.0	11	32.4	8	14
Total out	5		3		5		34		57	

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	June		July		August		YTD Total		2015 TOTAL	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Animals In:										
stray	156	49.2	142	49.0	133	40.4	882	44.7	1665	56.1
owner surrender	118	37.2	114	39.3	124	37.7	678	34.4	765	25.8
sieze/impound	30	9.5	11	3.8	57	17.3	238	12.1	298	10
DOA	8	2.5	15	5.2	14	4.3	84	4.3		
other	5	1.6	8	2.8	1	0.3	91	4.6	239	9.9
Total in	317		290		329		1973		2967	
All Animals Out:										
adopted	142	51.4	164	56.9	194	61.4	949	53.4	1357	47.7
return to owner	57	20.7	47	16.3	37	11.7	333	18.8	486	17.1
transfers	4	1.4	5	1.7	15	4.7	71	4.0	195	6.9
Live release total	203	73.6	216	75.0	246	77.8	1353	76.2	2038	71.7
euthanized/medical	19	6.9	19	6.6	17	5.4	92	5.2	288	10.1
euthanized/ behavior	37	13.4	28	9.7	30	9.5	190	10.7	467	16.4
euthanized/space	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
died in facility	0	0.0	2	0.7	3	0.9	8	0.5		
DOA	9	3.3	17	5.9	14	4.4	83	4.7		
owner requested	8	2.9	6	2.1	6	1.9	50	2.8	49	1.7
Euthanized/died total	73	26.4	72	25.0	70	22.2	423	23.8	804	28.3
Total out	276		288		316		1776		2842	

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Director's report
September 26, 2016

Due to overcrowding, ICAC has offered discounted adoption fees for much of the summer. Adult cats have been adopted with no fee and kittens at 50% for several weeks. We also did a 50% reduction in dog adoption fees for 3 weeks in August. The reduced fees are allowed under a Board of Commissioners resolution which allows discounts when we reach 80% of shelter capacity.

As reported earlier, ICAC received an Adoption Ambassador Grant from the ASPCA. The grant will help us recruit fosters and train and equip them to do their own adoptions. In addition, the grant will fund a kiosk in the ICAC lobby that will allow shelter visitors to see photos and information on foster animals that are available for adoption but are not housed at the shelter.

Fundraising – The Animal Shelter Fund made ~\$3,500 from beer sales at the Ingham County Fair (50:50 split with fair) plus \$391 in tips/donations. Costs for license, insurance, etc were ~\$900. Net of ~\$3,000 ASF netted \$623 from a 50:50 raffle at Spartan Speedway. Good return for a few hours work. Will do again.

ICAC photo contest did not do well this year. Plan to move it earlier in the year in 2017.

Ghostly Gala is planned for October 22 at the University Club at MSU.

ICAC's ACO's run into a lot of people who are having trouble caring for their animals due to poverty and mental illness. Also, there is a strong link between animal cruelty and family violence. Because of this and in order to better serve the citizens of Ingham County, ICAC has met with representatives from the following agencies to ensure that we are making appropriate referrals and that the agencies are aware of our capabilities. These contacts should ensure better communication and cooperation; several reciprocal training sessions have been scheduled also.

Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department

Mich. Dept of Health and Human Services – Child Protective Services

Adult Protective Services

Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties

Capital Area Response Effort (CARE) – domestic violence program

ICAC held a Neighborhood Licensing/Vaccine Clinics at the Outreach Center on August 5 that served 99 animals and September 2 that saw 97 animals. We also did an NLP at the LPD Operations Center (Wise Road) on September 16 that served 87 animals. We are hoping to do NLP's in different parts of the County in the coming years.

The annual ICAC Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 24. The event will include refreshments, shelter tours and discounted adoptions.

A second BISSELL Foundation "Empty the Shelters Day" is scheduled for October 22. The Foundation will pay all adoption fees on that date.