



ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD

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THE INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 6:30 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM C OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5305 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

Agenda

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

1. Director's Report (shelter stats, grants, special events, etc.)

Announcements
Public Comment
Adjournment

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INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, July 24, 6:30pm

Conference Room C, Human Services Building, 5303 S Cedar Lansing

Call to Order

Chair Tom Hess called the meeting to order at 6:37

Members Present

Tom Hess, Diane Galbraith, Kate Evans, Roxann Wilkinson, Beth Contreras, and Director John Dinon

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were amended. Under **Additions to Agenda** “added convenience for maintenance needs” was amended to “to avoid considerable cost for maintenance”; amended minutes were passed without objection

Additions to Agenda

None

Limited Public Comment

None

Millage Update

A shelter design workshop was held on May 31 with the project architects and construction manager and a diverse group of stakeholders including ICAC staff and volunteers, Shelter Fund board members, Advisory Committee members, MSU vet staff, etc. The ideas and data gathered at the meeting were used to generate a preliminary building program which will lead to the first draft building floor plan which should be complete in late July.

Stakeholders who work in the Sheriff’s Office complex are meeting July 20 to discuss the recommended location of the new animal shelter. Attendees will include staff from the Sheriff Department and Jail, the 55th District Court and County Drain Office in addition to ICAC, Ingham County Facilities Dept, etc

Directors Report

The following Standard Operating Procedures for ICAC have been finalized since the last Advisory Committee meeting:

Found Pets

Owner Surrenders

Stray Animal Intake

Dead Animal Pickup

Dispatch Closing Duties

Tickets/Citations

Fix-It Tickets

A number of additional SOPs are in draft form.

Woofers Walk was held May 20 at the MSU Auditorium. The event was attended by approximately 225 walkers/runners and raised over \$10,000 for ICAC and the Animal Shelter Fund (ASF).

The June Neighborhood Licensing Program (NLP) event was held at Potter Park as part of Adopt a Fest. Over 100 animals were vaccinated at the event.

Adopt a Fest was held June 2-3 at Potter Park. 26 dogs and 22 cats were adopted during the event.

ICAC/ASF will run the 50/50 raffles at Spartan Speedway July 23 and August 6.

ICAC/ASF will run the beer tent at the Ingham County Fair, July 31-August 5.

The next monthly NLP will be held August 4 at the LPD Operations Center on Wise Road.

ASF is planning a Dog Swim/Dog Days of Summer event at the East Lansing Aquatic Center on September 9.

This year's Halloween fundraiser will be held October 28 at the MSU University Club.

Ingham County Animal Control is licensed and inspected by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as an animal control shelter under Michigan Act 287, PA 1969 and rules promulgated thereunder. MDARD conducted a surprise inspection of the ICAC shelter on 24 May 2017. No non-compliant items or violations were found during the inspection. the inspector was very complimentary of ICAC and our staff and commented that he is only allowed to note violations on the inspection report but wishes he were able to officially note all the good things we are doing here on his report.

ICAC has submitted its 2018 budget request to the Law and Courts Committee. County departments were asked to cut their general fund request by 5% from 2017 levels. ICAC made no cuts, but instead addressed this reduction with a pledge of a \$52,000 fund transfer from the ASF. The 2018 budget also includes millage funds for recently added positions; millage generated funds are separate from the general fund budget.

On June 12, ICAC Animal Control Officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Lansing for suspected animal cruelty/neglect. 92 cats and 2 dogs were seized from the residence on that date. An additional 7 cats have been brought to the shelter by the homeowner since that date. The owner signed ownership of all the animals over to ICAC. He is facing felony animal cruelty charges. Just under half the cats had to be euthanized because they tested positively for feline leukemia or feline immunodeficiency virus. The remaining cats have been treated for upper respiratory and skin infections and other ailments and are now up for adoption. These adoptions include a medical waiver informing adopters of the cat's exposure to FeLeuk and FIV. ICAC has applied for and tentatively been awarded a \$4600 grant from PetSmart Charities to help pay for the medical care and sheltering of these animals.

Because of the June 12 seizure, the usual summer influx of animals, and because ICAC is holding over 20 dogs involved in court cases, the shelter has been over capacity for much of June and July. The department has been offering reduced adoption fees and has transferred several animals to other shelters and rescues to ease crowding.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Hess to adjourn at 7:02pm. Second by Kate Evans

Ingham County Animal Control Advisory Committee
Director's report
14 September 2017

Millage update

Facility – a first draft floorplan for the new shelter was developed by the architectural team and distributed to stakeholders for comments, which were collected and sent back to the architects. A revised draft is expected from the architects this week. Once the new plan is reviewed – specifically the site plan – soil borings and other detailed site analysis will begin. Construction of the new shelter should begin in spring 2018.

NACA study implementation

Due to the heavy summer workload on shelter staff, little progress has been made on SOP's in the last 2 months. Work on this project will resume this winter. Work will also resume on revision of the County Animal Control Ordinance during the winter months.

Dogfighting investigation

ICAC has been conducting a major dogfighting investigation in Lansing since March. Search warrants have been executed at seven locations in Ingham County, including three on July 27 and one on July 28. An additional search warrant was executed in Eaton County on July 27 based on evidence gathered by ICAC Animal Control Officers. A total of 42 dogs were seized by ICAC and an additional 10 by Eaton County Animal Control. ICAC has set up an auxiliary shelter to house the dogs being held as evidence since having them in the shelter was very disruptive to operations.

Arrest warrants have been issued for three suspects; two have been arraigned and have a pre-trial hearing set for September 22. The third was already incarcerated. An additional arrest warrant request has been submitted to the Prosecutor's office and three more are forthcoming.

Ten dogs were surrendered to ICAC by the first two suspects. Five were euthanized pursuant to Michigan's animal fighting law which prohibits rehoming fighting dogs or their offspring. The other five have been evaluated and may be transferred to a rescue specializing in rehabilitating fighting dogs.

Miscellaneous

As stated above, Michigan law prohibits rehoming fighting dogs or their offspring, so most of the dogs seized in the dogfighting investigation will be euthanized. A bill (SB 416) has been introduced in the Michigan legislature which would amend the law and allow animal control agencies more options for disposition of these dogs. ICAC has submitted a resolution to the Board of Commissioners asking the County to endorse SB 416 and allow County staff to advocate for the bill. The resolution will be considered by the Law & Courts Committee on September 14 and the full Board on September 26.

The August Neighborhood Licensing Program (NLP) was held at the LPD Operations Center on Wise Road and the September event was held at the Outreach Center; over 100 pets were vaccinated at each NLP. October and November NLPs will be at the Outreach Center, December will be at the Leslie Fire Station.

ICAC offered reduced adoption fees, including no fee adoptions, for much of the late summer due to crowding at the shelter. The promotions were successful and, except for the dogs held as evidence in dog fighting cases at the auxiliary shelter, the population at ICAC is currently at a manageable level.

Due to the amount of work processing evidence in the dogfighting cases and resignation of an ACO, ICAC was struggling to keep up on citizen complaints this summer. The Ingham County Sheriff Department generously loaned a corrections officer who had previously worked as an ICAC ACO to ICAC for three weeks to help catch up on calls. The temporary assignment was very helpful.

ICAC has a new ACO in training (hired from within the department) and an additional ACO hired to start in October, which will bring the department up to full staffing. The sheriff has also assigned a detective to help with evidence processing in the dogfighting cases.

ICAC/ASF ran the 50:50 raffles at Spartan Speedway July 23 and August 6; the two events netted over \$500. ICAC/ASF ran the beer tent at the Ingham County Fair, July 31-August 5; this event netted \$1,307.30. The ASF Fundraising Committee's photo contest raised approximately \$1,500 for ICAC. The ASF/Fundraising Committee has also run a number of small fundraisers at Old Chicago Pizza and Chipotle and are planning events possibly at Ukai and Burgdorf Winery. A restaurant fundraiser at Olga's Kitchen in Frandor is set for October 14.

The 3rd annual Halloween fundraiser - Heroes and Villains themed - will be held October 28 at the MSU University Club.

ICAC put out an appeal for donations to help with expenses related to housing dogs being held as evidence in the dogfighting cases. Community response was strong with significant financial donations in addition to a large quantity of dog food and treats and other supplies. We are also applying for a grant from the ASPCA to help offset these expenses. The Animal Shelter Fund's fall fundraising letter will also feature an article about the dogfighting cases and the large cat seizure that occurred in June.

Due to County budget issues, the controller's recommended budget for 2018 reduces ICAC staff by one Animal Shelter Clerk. The County is planning to put a measure on the ballot in November that would increase the amount of tax revenue that can be collected for the general fund. I have requested to the Board of Commissioners that the clerk position be restored if the ballot measure passes.

2017 Animal Shelter Stats through June are attached.

	June		July		August		YTD Total		2016 TOTAL	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Cats in:										
stray	68	24.8	77	42.3	78	33.6	346	32.7	516	31.3
owner surrender	96	35.0	87	47.8	134	57.8	490	46.3	894	54.2
seize/impound	92	33.6	6	3.3	2	0.9	108	10.2	105	6.4
DOA	5	1.8	4	2.2	7	3.0	53	5.0	84	5.1
other	13	4.7	8	4.4	11	4.7	62	5.9	50	3.0
Total in	274		182		232		1059		1649	
Cats out:										
adopted	74	46.0	129	69.7	182	71.9	609	63.6	1046	65.5
return to owner	3	1.9	6	3.2	8	3.2	37	3.9	51	3.2
transfers	0	0.0	5	2.7	0	0.0	28	2.9	27	1.7
Live release total	77		140		190		674	70.4	1124	70.3
euthanized/medical	68	42.2	10	5.4	25	9.9	134	14.0	108	6.8
euthanized/ behavior	8	5.0	28	15.1	23	9.1	78	8.1	249	15.6
euthanized/space	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
died in facility	3	1.9	3	1.6	6	2.4	13	1.4	16	1.0
DOA	5	3.1	4	2.2	7	2.8	54	5.6	85	5.3
owner requested		0.0	0	0.0	2	0.8	5	0.5	16	1.0
Euthanized/died total	84		45		63		284	29.6	474	29.7
Total out	161		185		253		958		1598	

	June		July		August		YTD Total		2016 TOTAL	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Other animals in:										
stray	2	40.0	1	50.0	2	25.0	10	27.8	23	53.5
owner surrender	1	20.0	0	0.0	4	50.0	14	38.9	7	16.3
seize/impound	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	4	11.1	6	14.0
DOA	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	11.1	7	16.3
other	2	40.0	0	0.0	2	25.0	4	11.1	0	0.0
Total in	5		2		8		36		43	
Other animals out:										
adopted	1	100.0	1	16.7	1	33.3	15	48.4	24	58.5
return to owner	0	0.0	3	50.0	0	0.0	7	22.6	3	7.3
transfers	0	0.0	2	33.3	2	66.7	6	19.4	3	7.3
Live release total	1		6		3		28	90.3	30	73.2
euthanized/medical	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.4
euthanized/behavior	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.4
euthanized/space	0	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	1	3.2	0	0.0
DOA	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	6.5	9	22.0
owner requested	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Euthanized/died total	0		0		0		3	9.7	11	26.8
Total out	1		6		3		31		41	

	June		July		August		YTD Total		2016 TOTAL	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Animals In:										
stray	165	35.9	142	42.9	146	39.9	930	42.1	1393	44.4
owner surrender	119	25.9	125	37.8	165	45.1	729	33.0	1164	37.1
seize/im-pound	145	31.5	39	11.8	32	8.7	343	15.5	337	10.7
DOA	9	2.0	8	2.4	23	6.3	92	4.2	123	3.9
other	22	4.8	17	5.1		0.0	115	5.2	122	3.9
Total in	460		331		366		2209		3139	
All Animals Out:										
adopted	141	44.6	183	52.6	254	59.2	1008	49.5	1617	53.4
return to owner	59	18.7	56	16.1	42	9.8	391	19.2	547	18.1
transfers	12	3.8	22	6.3	19	4.4	123	6.0	98	3.2
Live release total	212		261		315		1522	74.8	2262	74.7
euthanized/medical	68	21.5	13	3.7	30	7.0	148	7.3	139	4.6
euthanized/behavior	22	7.0	59	17.0	41	9.6	208	10.2	412	13.6
euthanized/space	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
died in facility	3	0.9	3	0.9	23	5.4	32	1.6	20	0.7
DOA	9	2.8	8	2.3	12	2.8	86	4.2	122	4.0
owner requested	2	0.6	4	1.1	8	1.9	39	1.9	75	2.5
Euthanized/died total	104		87		114		513	25.2	768	25.3
Total out	316		348		429		2035		3030	