

SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2018 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT Dr. Stephen Wiseman, DVM
 Robert Hunter
 John McGrath
 Stephen Browne
 Marianne King
 Gayle Hair
 Bryan Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS:

Carole Coleman, Animal Services Administrator
Brian Shields, Assistant County Attorney
Albert Adams, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held June 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 100 Eslinger Way, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

Stephen Browne called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk. A quorum was met.

III. Minutes: December 14, 2017 & March 8, 2018

- Stephen Browne called for a review of the minutes for December 14th. Robert Hunter motioned to accept the minutes, and Dr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.
- Stephen Browne called for review of the minutes for March 8th. Dr. Wiseman motioned to accept the minutes, and Bryan Wilson seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

IV. Public Commentary

- A. Read “The Purpose (Function) of the Board (Section 20.05)
Stephen Browne read the “The Purpose (Function) of the Board.

Stephen Browne announced that the Board would take public commentary and called for the first speaker.

Carla Wilson advised that more than a year ago they started working with Seminole County to adopt a retail pet sale ban, which prohibits the pet sales to pet stores. Mrs. Wilson advised it was adopted in February. Mrs. Wilson was also glad to see that Seminole County included the puppy mills ordinance.

Secondly Ms. Wilson wanted to the board to know that also in February they approached the county about “World Spay day” proclamation that was wrote in on February 27th, which was a way to bring awareness to the public about spay & neutering and how they could get involved.

Finally Ms. Wilson wanted to let the board know about “Amendment 13”, that will be on the ballot in November, which will phase out Greyhound racing by 2020.

V. Old Business.

A. Tears Shade Project

- Diane advised the board that shipment should be on June 25th or sometime that week and installation should be starting on July 5th and installation should only take a week to complete.

B. Puppy Mill Ordinance

- Carole Coleman advised the board that there has been a lot of phone calls assuming that the “Puppy Mill Ordinance” retail sales is for all the county. Carole advised that this ordinance only pertains to unincorporated Seminole County. It is up to each individual city to come up with their own ordinance. Carole also wanted to highlight that under this ordinance Animal Services will be inspecting all 501.C3 non-profit organizations.

VI. New Business

A. Rabies Control in Seminole County

- Julie Babilla, Bite Coordinator for Seminole County advised the board that she investigates all bites in Seminole County. Julie

advised that there has been two deaths in Central Florida due to rabies exposure. Julie also advised that in 2017 there were 4 confirmed animal that tested positive for rabies. Carole asked how many bites does she handles per month. Julie advised that she does about 80 bites per month. John McGrath asked does that pertain to just dogs and cats. Julie replied that it pertains to all animals. Stephen Browne asked how long the quarantine period is. Julie answered that it is 10 days from the date of the bite. Robert Hunter wanted to know when the Seminole County Health Department put out a rabies alert. Julie advised usually when there is 3 cases in a certain area but it is up to their discretion.

A. Program Coordinator Reports (Events)

1. Tag Day Event

- Diane Gagliano advised that we have a tag day event coming up where we will be offering \$5 rabies shot for all Seminole County residents who purchase their Seminole County animal licenses. There will also be \$10 microchips available for purchase.

2. Rock & Brew Event

- Diane advised that we had an event at Rock & Brew in Oviedo where we took out our adoption trailer for a trial run. We adopted out 2 dogs at the event and recommended a lot of people to come to the shelter.

3. Subaru Adoption Event

- Diane advised that we still have a relationship with Subaru and host an event there every 2 to 3 months and this past weekend we had an event there and adopted out 2 dogs and 1 cat.

4. BFF "100" (Bright Future Fosters "100" Program)

- Diane advised that a few months ago our administrator came up with the ideal to help high school students get there volunteer hours. Diane advised that we are currently working with our 3rd class that are going through "Dogs Unlimited" which is a 5 or 6 week basic obedience training class where they have to get the dog from a shelter and have to commit to the 5 to 6 weeks of training. Diane advised that at the end of training they have the option to adopt the dog, foster the dog until it is adopted or bring back to the shelter.

- Cheryl, the parent of Abby a high school senior at Hagerty High school was present with one of the BFF program dogs “Plato” a ridgeback mix talking about participating in the program from a parent’s perspective. She advised she was a little reluctant with the program because she has never been a dog person or owned a dog. She advised this program has taught her a lot about adoptions and how important it is. She also stated that the program is not for everybody but if you have the time and commitment it will definitely worth it.
- Gavin Santiago, upcoming senior at Winter Springs High School was also present with “Gigi” a 10 month old blue/white Pitbull mix. He advised the program is beneficial to students as well as the dogs so they can go to a happy home. He advised the program provides all the necessities and has great communication with the program coordinator. Gavin advised they are thinking about adopting the dog at the end of the program and wants the program to continue. Gayle Hair advised she likes the ideal of the program and for us taking a chance. Gayle wanted to know if all schools will be made aware of the program. Diane advised that she sends out letters & flyers to every school in Seminole County. Dr. Wiseman wanted to know what the limit of animals is per session. Diane replied 6 per session. John McGrath advised he would be interested in participating in the program.

5. Future Agenda

- Gayle Hair advised she would like to see the new adoption trailer. Carole advised that we would bring it over at the next Animal Control Board meeting.

VII. Reports.

A. Kennel Statistics (Intakes & Outcomes),

- Stephen Browne advised that he liked the detailed reports on the euthanasia rate. Robert Hunter wanted to know over what period of time does the euthanasia stats reflect. Denise replied that the stats reflect from Oct 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.

B. Statistics – County License Purchases.

- Stephen Browne advised he noticed the uptake in licenses and that we added the on-line column. Carole advised that the on-line just started the end of May. Bryan Wilson wanted to know

what the special licenses were. Albert replied that they were the Greyhound licensing sales.

C. Cisco Phone Reports

VIII Confirmation of Next Meeting.

- Stephen Browne advised that the next board meeting is September 13th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

IX. Adjournment.

Stephen Browne adjourned the meeting at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board

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