

# Animal Advisory Board Minutes

October 14, 2009

## Call to order

Chair Dianne Barrett at the Administration Building called the meeting to order. The following Board Members were present: Voting members: Chairperson Dianne Barrett, Brenda Simmons, Paulette Woods, Jackie Oakley, Mark Speed, and Dr. Elyse Goldman, DVM; ex-officio members: Franklin County Animal Control Director Graham Stallings, and Franklin County Humane Society President Ida Estep. Absent: voting member Bess Nicholson and non-voting members Commissioner Bob Winters and Dr. Kimberley Barth, DVM.

Members of the public. None present.

## Motion to Adopt the Minutes

Simmons so moved, Barrett seconded, and the motion carried to approve minutes of the July 22, 2009, AAB meeting.

## Old Business

Estep forwarded the approval from Mr. Darnell Batton and a change in the by-laws to move elections from July to January.

Goldman mentioned a grant was approved to include a bio-terrorism/emergency/disaster planning within the health department and there would be a willingness to include animals within that planning as well as the possibility of having a member of the AAB on a task force to participate in the ongoing protocols.

Goldman handed out a "Disaster Preparedness and Response" page with web site [www.cvm.ncsu.edu](http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu) and a variety of links, to be included in the minutes.

Estep reported that the Humane Society will host a speaker to discuss Tethering and Spay/Neuter on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at the Conference Room in the Youngsville Library from 7pm-9pm.

Spay/Neuter - A discussion followed concerning public education about the numbers of animals euthanized in Franklin County and ongoing efforts to support spay/neuter programs.

Rabies Vaccinator Stallings reported that he had become a certified vaccinator.

Unvaccinated/Expired Rabies Inoculation

Stallings asked the board to recommend a penalty fee structure for owners of animals that are unvaccinated or have expired rabies vaccines. He considers this the most important issue for the Animal Advisory Board to implement. Discussion ensued. Stallings will attend a rabies meeting later this month and report at the next meeting.

Rabies Inoculation Violation Fines Motion-Speed made a motion to implement violation fees and enforcement of the Rabies Inoculation violation fee structure. Barrett seconded. All in favor.

There will be a 90-day grace period from approval until the fees will be imposed. There are free Rabies Clinics as possible and low-cost Rabies Clinics offered monthly and more frequently during spring and fall available in Franklin County.

Motion-Speed made a motion that the citation will be written at the time the violation is investigated. If the owner cannot provide proof of current rabies inoculation, the owner will have three business days to provide proof of current vaccine. If proof of current vaccine certificate is not provided the \$100 fine per animal will be imposed. Barrett seconded the motion. All in favor.

This will be presented to the County Commissioners written as an amendment to the Ordinance.

Open House: Stallings reported a successful open house.

Stallings commented that positive revenue is coming into the Shelter.

New Business: None

Election of Officers: January 2010 meeting. Resolution to change elections from July to January to be approved.

Next meeting: Wednesday January 20, 2010 at 6:15pm

Adjourn: Oakley motion to adjourn. Speed seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elyse Goldman, DVM

