

MN#7-23 HUMANE COMMISSION MEETING 7/24/23
ROBIN I. KROOGMAN NEW HAVEN ANIMAL SHELTER

Present: Comms. Kaufman, Mauro, Nicholas and Schildroth, Off. L. Lopez; Nicole Sabo DVM

Others Attending: Asst. Chief M. Bhagtana, Capt. Dell, NHPD; AACO Tammy Hewston, KW Dalila Ortiz ; Asst. Corp Counsel Giovanniello.

Opening: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." –Maya Angelou

Introductions

~Shelter Veterinarian Quarterly Update: Nicole Sabo, DVM: Vaccination Schedule to be presented at next Update. Reports that shelter is still in a transition period. No major disease outbreaks have occurred. Improvements in sanitation and record keeping have been observed. AC for treatment room is needed (to be requested by C. Kaufman). Specific care needs noted for Arctic breeds. Clearer euthanization criteria and involvement of rescue groups sooner would make vet work easier. Primary Vet Tech accompanying Sabo is Kendall McKorkendale (sp?). White board has enabled staff reporting re: specific animals. Sabo requests training in animal restraint for all staff. (C. Kaufman to investigate possible trainer at Central Vet Hospital). Motion to include forms submitted previously in SOP manual made by C. Kaufman, C. Nicholas seconded. During discussion Sabo stated she considers the physical exam form and nutrition form to be proprietary and is not comfortable with them being a part of the SOPs. Food recommendation was for information only. Discussion concluded and the vote taken was against including these forms as SOPs. A new motion to include the Emergency Priority List in the SOP manual was moved by C. Kaufman, seconded by C. Mauro. There being no further discussion, motion carried. Further research is to be done regarding a cat food recommendation.

REPORTS:

~G. Zinn: Mr. Zinn was unable to attend this meeting. Comm. Kaufman will be updated at their scheduled meeting.

~O.I.C. Lopez: Shelter Stats for June 2023:

As of 6/1/2023: 30 animals in the shelter (28 dogs/ 2 cats). 46 animals admitted (32 dogs/14 cats). 14 animals redeemed. 8 animals adopted. 7 animals transferred. 0 DOAs. 3 Euthanizations (sick cats at hospital). 37 field investigations. 2 dog bite FUed.

As of June 30, 2023: 44 animals in the shelter (36 dogs/8 cats).

~Capt. Dell: Staffing: Status of AACO Candidates approved for hiring: Amanda Armstrong undergoing background check. Nancy Perry's appointment scheduled. Temps: 2 PWs staff; 1 K-9 Officer; 1 NHPD Officer Ortiz assisting with sanitizing; 1 Yale Officer; 1 NHPD Officer at front desk. State training in August (15-21) to include Off. Lopez, Off. Kiekel and AACO Candidate Perry if shelter coverage allows. AACO Candidate Armstrong will not need to repeat initial training as per DOAG Officer DellaRocco. KW position to be posted when the AACO hiring has been

finalized. Status of NHPD investigation: ongoing. Budget breakdown not presented. Pre-Adoption Spay/Neuters to continue via new funding source using Madison and other clinics. Consultant proposal not presented. Memo of financial understanding being negotiated with FOTNHAS. 8 portable AC units are being employed in the north and south kennel areas.

General state of shelter per Off. Lopez: Okay, hanging in.

~Chair: No progress has been made re: new Commissioner recruitment. FONHAS scheduled adoption event with Shops @ Yale on Audubon St., September 23rd.

~Comms: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

~Shelter/Treatment Room: C. Nicholas moved that equipment purchases for the Treatment Room (Exam light and Exam Table with scale) in the amount of \$12,457.11 be approved and expended from HC funds. C. Mauro seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

~Commission 2023 Goals/Strategies: nothing added.

~Finance: No action taken re: Agne donation establishing a legacy fund.

~Branding: Total postings 6/26-7/23: 5; RIK Specific: 3. 6 mo. Stats to be posted by Mauro.

~Outreach: no report.

~SOPs: No action on proposed documents.

NEW BUSINESS:

~Proposed Wildlife Dispatch document: not available. Dell intends to follow protocol included in the document to protect public safety until the Commission is able to see and approve this.

~Changing Role of Shelters: Meeting with CAO Rush-Kittle

~Legacy Fund: Gathering for Donors; Fund Raising Letter: no discussion.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING : AUGUST 14, 2023.