

South Bend Animal Care and Control Commission
Regular Meeting

April 4, 2018
1801 Hours

County City Building
13th Floor
227 West Jefferson Blvd
South Bend, IN 46601



Animal Control Commission Members Present: Becky Kaiser, Pam Wesolowski, and Dr. Betsy Culp.

City Staff Present: Jen Gobel-SBACC Shelter Manager, Tom Panowicz-Attorney for SBACC, Randy Wilkerson-Director of Code Enforcement, and Dani Campbell Weiss-Commission Attorney

Absent: Lynne Losecco and Barb Leavell

1. Meeting was called to order by Becky Kaiser at 1800 hours.
2. Approval of the March 2018 minutes with corrections. Motion was made by Pam Wesolowski and seconded by Becky Kaiser. Motion carried.
3. Jen Gobel discussed the numbers of In-take and Outcome Reports for March 2018.
 - A. In March 2018 there was one small hoarding case.
 - B. March 2018 adoptions were up compared to 2017.
 - C. Return to owner has remained consistent in March 2018.
 - D. March euthanasia rate is 15 percent which is still lower than March 2017.
 - (1) Pam Wesolowski asked about SBACC strategies regarding euthanasia. Jen Gobel's response is that it is a last resort but there are still a high number of aggressive dogs being surrendered to SBACC. Though they try to rehabilitate animals through behavior training and socialization it doesn't always work.
 - (2) SBACC needs more help through funding to treat animals with medical problems that will require long term care. This is where a foster program would be beneficial, but this is highly labor intensive and can be a struggle to find foster pet parents.
 - E. Jen Gobel has started a new program to try to get animals adopted faster called Get 'Em Out or GEO.
 - F. Jen Gobel recognized Diane from SBACC for going above and beyond in working to find the pet family of a dog that was found by them and reuniting them all.

- G. SBACC has been getting a new influx of volunteers to help out which goes toward helping to socialize and help around SBACC.
- H. SBACC finally has a new truck, they are waiting for the modifications before it rolls out.
- I. Enforcement Issues for March 2018:
 - (1) Over 100 call outs
 - (2) 104 AWA's
 - (3) 57 Citations were issued
- J. All dogs that were in St. Patrick's Parade were adopted.

New Business:

- A. Ordinance is still a work in progress. Tom Panowicz is still working on the new ordinance, it is now between 60 to 70 pages, which they are currently trying to finalize but there is no current time line or date of when it will be done.
- B. Question was asked by Sue Keism regarding euthanasia methods of SBACC. If they used injection and how the body was disposed of. The bodies are cremated by Paws Remembered and no the animals are not gassed when they are euthanized.
 - (1) She also asked if the public would be able to comment on the ordinance and how long it would be open for them to be able to have their input. Randy Wilkerson stated it would be four meetings that it would be available for public comment.
- C. Angie Lippert asked about a dog at SBACC that was having severe skin problems and needed help. Asked if she would be able to come in and help with the dog and provide any services that would give the dog any relief. Jen Gobel welcomed any help that would provide the dog relief from its allergies.
- D. The Board set the next meeting for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 1800 hours.
 - (1) Dr. Culp asked if there would be a hearing before the next meeting.
 - (2) There could be two hearings, one of which may need to be on a Monday because that is the only day one of the witnesses is free to attend.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Culp

Seconded by Becky Kaiser

Meeting ended at 1827