

Oconee County Animal Services Advisory Board

Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Animal Services Conference Room

1. Call to Order-6:05 pm by President Kelsey Fox

Present: Manager Crystal Berisko

Member: Melodie Brooks

Member: Terry Ruffen

Member: Nancy Baumann

Member-via telephone: Fran Leathers

Guest: Gail Merritt, Volunteer1

2. Approval of May 1, 2024 minutes

Minutes were approved.

3. Public Comments

Gayle Merritt presented a “Pets Only Yard Sale” event. This event would feature new and “gently used” pet items. Donations would be dropped off at designated and convenient locations. This event would be scheduled on a non-UGA football weekend. It would be highly publicized. Discussion of drop-off locations, recruiting volunteers, and site for the Yard Sale followed. No decision was made to schedule this event.

4. Introduction of new Advisory Board Members/Vote on Positions

New members, Fran Leathers and Nancy Baumann were introduced. Board members voted and approved Melodie Brooks for President, Fran Leathers for Vice President, Nancy Baumann, secretary.

5. Manager of Animal Services Updates-Crystal Berisko

Budget was approved.

Approval given for a part-time to go to full-time Administrative Assistant. This position is currently being advertised.

Kennel doors were approved.

Door Key card/code punch entry approved.

Crystal is seeking bids on these projects.

Ordinance-Voluntary Registration Program-This program will be highly promoted.

Designed to positively encourage owners to have pets vaccinated, chipped, and sterilized. Owners will receive perks for getting their pets into compliance.

6. Statistics

Current inventory: 121 cats 40 dogs

Last Year's Inventory on 7/10/2023: 162 cats 51 dogs

Intakes: Total from January 1, 2024 to July 10, 2024: 506

Last Year's Intakes (same time frame) 589

Outcomes: January 1, 2024 to July 10, 2024

Adoptions: Cats-97 Dogs-72 Other-3

Clinic in/out: 65

Died: 8 cats

DOA: 1

Euthanasia: 40 cats 41 dogs

Return to Owner/Reclaim: 3 cats 34 dogs

Transfer Out: 25 cats 34 dogs

Events

National PetSmart Adoption Week (PSNAW) July 15-21, 2024. Crystal Berisko, Melodie Brooks, and Michelle Walls will be working at this event. Many volunteers are needed.

Other

Board Member Volunteer Positions: After discussion, members agreed to keep four meeting dates a year. Members agreed it is better to have an "active" board that volunteers with the myriads of tasks necessary to help OCAS run smoothly Crystal will post volunteer opportunities weekly after Monday's staff meeting. This information will be sent in email. Remember to "reply all" when accepting a volunteer task so everyone is aware of what's being covered.

7. Meeting Dates: **2/5/2025, 5/7/2025, 7/9/2025, 10/2/2024**

8. New Business

Gayle Merritt suggested contacting Fit Body Boot Camp. They sponsor charities. Put this opportunity on Crystal's email list.

Discussion on the need for a monthly newsletter promoting OCAS volunteer needs and events. "Google Group" was suggested in place of a newsletter. Fran Leathers volunteered to look into "Google Group".

9. Closing Comments

Follow Friends of OCAS to keep up with events.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kelsey Fox. Seconded by Terry Ruffen. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Baumann