

San Jose Animal Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes—May 3, 2007

Attendees: Janet Alexander Thompson
Judy Jones
Lorna Pusateri
Loree Levy
Marthina McClay
Trish Watson

Staff: Jon Cicirelli
Julie St. Gregory
Leslie Tisdale

1. April minutes were approved as corrected. [Changes: Susan Zizumbo is no longer a member—remove from roster. Trish Watson was approved unanimously as a committee member, with the except that Marthina was not present for the vote].
2. Julie will post an announcement on the website for the open position to the committee. Lorna will also post in Silicon Valley Tails and Craigslist; position has been posted at public events such as Bark in the Park, the SJACS lobby and the Santa Clara Valley Veterinary Association in the past with no inquiries or applicants.
3. Old Business: Judy announced that she went to Steven's Creek Honda and talked to the staff there. They had a much different perspective from the information that has been circulating and she felt the situation was handled well. No further action necessary on this matter. Leslie noted that an officer also followed up with this and came to same conclusion.
4. Shelter Director's Report
 - Three Animal Care Attendants to be added, still short five. Shelter Operations Supervisor job requisition is open but not getting a lot of interest. Jon has sent letters to shelters/cities to entice applicants.
 - Dr. Dana Gleason has accepted a full-time position as shelter vet and will be working with Dr. Tyson. Dr. Schroff was filling in for the interim and will provide occasional relief services.
 - Spay/neuter clinic vets are: Drs. Mulger, Rusher, Vale, and Alves.
 - Shelter Statistics
 - Surgeries have dropped significantly during April. (This is a common trend as cats are nursing or pregnant which tends to create a lull in action). The first quarter saw a large spike as compared to April. Jon hopes the pace will pick up in May.
 - Total intake: 450 dogs, 820 cats and kittens, total 1436 (includes other)
 - Cat intakes are down 8% as compared to April 2006.

- April adoptions are down 10% (cats down, dogs up); 9 cats euthanized for ‘feral.’
- Intake for cats: Tame, feral, questionable are classifications for cats.
 - Cats: euthanized 426, intake 820, 51% too young, 37% behavior.
 - Reasons for euthanasia: 216 too young, 156 behavior, 34 medical, 9 feral, 7 URI, FIV 2, unknown 2.
- Dogs 450, euthanized 97, 55% of euthanized dogs for behavior
 - 22% medical, 2 parvo,
 - 15 time and space (pits and pit mixes)
- 301 animals were sent to rescue (DOWN 10%)
- Received 100 fewer cats than last year.
- Veterinary Street Outreach (SOS) is a group that works with homeless people and their pets, assisting with free services—spay/neuter, vaccines, health checks, etc. primarily in San Francisco. However, they do come to other cities when requested.
- Boo Boo, a dog who was brought to the shelter when Cornelius Van Der Veis, a well-known homeless man died in downtown San Jose recently, will go to an affiliated rescue group and be rehomed.

Review of May 1, 2007 Council meeting

- Voted to move Title 7 ordinance changes to the June calendar. Jon was directed to incorporate Councilmember Pete Constant’s changes via staff memo to council.
- Public process for June 3rd agenda: any changes must be publicly posted ten calendar days prior to Council meeting. This process takes time and goes through several stepping stones of approval.

5. Future Projects for AAC

- Several projects were accomplished from list.
- Status of Committee: a lengthy discussion took place on the future of the Animal Advisory Committee. Judy comments that she feels the committee has become ineffective and thinks the committee should dissolve/disband. Discussion pursues. Jon states that the members do not have the voting power to dissolve the committee. Committee decides to continue “as is” with less emphasis on action items and pursue a stronger advisory role to Jon. It was also decided that in the future, AAC meetings would be held every other month unless pressing business requires more frequency.

Mission statement: To develop a humane community for the benefit of animals and people through service and education.

Next meeting Thursday, July 5, 2007 (June meeting cancelled due to Town Hall meetings discussing Title 7 changes).