



**ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PRAIRIE PAWS ADOPTION CENTER - 2222 W. WARRIOR TRAIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 AT 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEMS

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1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Don Smarto motioned to approve the minutes; Marlena Vincent seconded. **Motion passed**

2. Animal Services Quarterly Report

Lily Yap presented this quarter's monthly numbers, including upcoming events and the launch of the Prairie Trotters program beginning March 1st! There are also big events coming up like The Pickle Parade and Main Street Festival that GPAS Waggin' Wagon will be a part of.

3. Operations Update – Microchipping Initiatives, Staffing, and Mental Health Awareness

We are looking for community based solutions to help with microchip scanning and, in turn, reuniting families. Board members can get involved. Please get in contact with Destinee Wright to see how you can be of assistance. We continue to deal with staffing challenges, resulting in a temporary pause in wildlife trapping. We are encouraging mental health awareness, transparency, and open communication here at GPAS with our staff and want to support them where needed so we can better serve the community.

4. Post-TNR Resources

Lily Yap introduces how the community can continue using resources with GPAS after TNR. Edward Cruz then discusses "Community Cats" handout that was put together to go further in depth on ways the community can help provide safe spaces and monitoring for the community cats.

5. Humane Pet Store Ordinance

Lily Yap presents the Humane Pet Store Ordinance. With pet stores moving out of large cities like Dallas and San Antonio, we are wanting to get in front of the issue before it gets out of hand. Lily Yap wanted to discuss it at the ASAC meeting before taking it to City Council to be voted on in case edits were needed. Madeline Monroe asked, if we

see someone selling animals in public should they call the police? Edward Cruz answered stating, if it is during our hours of business call our dispatcher however if it is after then yes, call the authorities. Lily mentioned that there are currently two known entities that sell dogs here in Grand Prairie that will be eligible to continue current operations based on the proposed ordinance's last subsection.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

Jean Melton asked if field is still picking up TNR trapped cats and if there is a change in procedures for deceased animal pick ups? Lily Yap instructed Jean to speak with Edward Cruz after the meeting about TNR pick ups, however there was not a change to deceased animal pick ups besides the priority of the call. A deceased animal pick up is a priority five, which means officers have a five day window to pick the animal up, however reports of closed calls indicate that officers have been picking up deceased animals within 24 hours on average within the past month. Jean Melton then asked about the Nuisance/Dangerous Dog Ordinance and if progress has been made and what formally needs to be done with GPAS to file a complaint? Edward explains that you have to be a witness to report. 1. Report. 2. Affidavit. 3. If taken to court, please show up to be a witness to what happened. Ring cameras are great evidence to use to submit reports. Officers let the owner know there is an issue before sending a citation, to first see if the problem can be resolved. There is an ordinance and penalty set for dogs that are not on a leash, even if they are not aggressive or biting. You don't have to approach these animals, just take a picture and report it to us. There are reclaim fees once an animal is impounded and after the 3rd impound in a year they will be legally required to spay/neuter their animal.

Londa Knaack, a member of the GP Cat Crew mentioned an incident with a cat being killed by a "vicious dog" that the city had no information on. She was instructed by Lily to get in contact with Destinee Wright about this situation. Londa Knaack then asked how many cats are we getting in for TNR a day, so she can update the people she works with in the community. Destinee Wright lets her know we are currently doing 10 TNR cats a day since we are down a Vet Technician which effects how many we can do in one day.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Lily Yap, Animal Services Division Manager