



**ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PRAIRIE PAWS ADOPTION CENTER - 2222 W. WARRIOR TRAIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

The meeting will be held at Prairie Paws Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Trail, Grand Prairie, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Madeline Monroe motioned to approve the minutes; Tracy Owen seconded. **Motion passed.**

AGENDA ITEMS

2. Community Cat Program

Lily Yap introduced Jenn Stone from Best Friends Animal Society, for a presentation on defining Community Cat Program and how the program operates. Shared goals of the program, while emphasizing the importance of community engagement on both the caregiver and complainant sides.

3. Animal Services Quarterly Report

Lily Yap presented this quarter's monthly numbers. Explained that we had to make a lot of difficult decisions this summer regarding space related euthanasias. Recognizes staff for powering through these challenging months.

4. Shelter Services Departmental Update

Casey Claiborne presented the departmental updates. The second Senior Animal Care Technician position has been filled; a lead position that provides support to the Shelter Supervisor and guidance to the Animal Care Technicians. Our Shelter staff have starting using play groups as a source of enrichment for dogs; not only to provide playtime for the dogs but also help staff gather behavioral information to place them in the best homes. All staff have been focusing on Clear the Shelter preparations; specifically working on loading biographies to each animal profile to showcase them better on our website. Casey also mentioned that Medical department now has a Parvo ward. We now have the capacity to treat Parvo cases onsite greatly reducing cost and time previously spent on outsourcing the care. Lily Yap recognized Casey Claiborne for her innovative solution to our hiring process, specifically for Animal Care Technicians. Work force opportunities and our lengthy on-boarding process has presented hiring challenges. Applicants are now surveyed digitally, then based on their answers, are scheduled a working interview. Hiring staff have been able to gauge applicants skill and, above all, attitude, while the candidate can determine if the job is what they truly want to do.

5. Operations Services Development Update

Destinee Wright presented Operational updates. The Shelter has been struggling with a infestation since January. We have begun working with a contractor to seal off the building and set traps to remove rats. A separate contractor has begun repairs to our front office HVAC system that was damaged by the rats. Also mentioned, Destinee Wright and the Operations Coordinator have begun planning a front end remodel to provide a more customer facing work space. Lastly, Destinee mentioned our Clear the Shelter theme will be based on the television series, Friends. Destinee also presented upcoming events. Information of upcoming events can be found on Grand Prairie Animal Services' website.

6. Nuisance/Dangerous Ordinance

Lily Yap presented a prospective Dangerous Dog Ordinance. The update would provide definition to be more in line with State Law.

Updating this ordinance provided an opportunity to create avenues for progressive enforcement within some of our other ordinances such as the one related to nuisance.

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.

Teri, a member of the GP Cat Crew, asked if it was possible to post information relative to their upcoming event on our social media pages; Destinee answered no because we cannot advertise non-city business related events.

Madeline Monroe inquired about the age/vetting status of kittens that were being adopted out based on a specific situation brought to her attention. Discussed how shortening the length of stay for kittens has proven beneficial to their health while also keeping kennel space available. Destinee also mentioned, kittens adopted through our Pre-K adoption program receive booster vaccines through GPAS until the kitten is sterilized.

Multiple citizens inquired how to volunteer for the Clear the Shelter event; interested parties can email Prairiepawsvolunteer@gptx.org for information on how to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Certification

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee agenda was prepared and posted August 15, 2022.



Lily Yap, Animal Services Division Manager