

Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

January 30, 1997

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its first yearly meeting January 30, 1997 at the Community Services Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by the Chairman Dr. Jack Callan.

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Charlotte Roy, Dottie Scott and Leah Herron. Also present were Mike Hall and Patti Owens. Member absent was Ed Allen.

The minutes of the October 3, 1996 meeting were approved as mailed.

The first item on the agenda was the Superintendents report. Total animal pickup through the end of December was 3,223 animals. Reclaims through December have totaled 379 and adoptions have totaled 183. Animal bites have stayed about the same as last year. Stray bites have decreased by 2 bites this year. We responded to about 300 more calls for service this year. 4,103 city license tags have been issued thus far. However we have had no rabies scare this year either.

Christmas for animals was held December 9th through the 20th. 49 animals were adopted from the shelter during this time. 27 were going through the Humane Society and 22 through the shelter alone. Leah added that 19 cats and 12 dogs for a total of 31 animals were adopted from the Humane Society shelter.

Charlotte reported on the private cremations next. The first cremation was held on October 5th. Thus far we have had 8 private cremations and 1 is still pending. People need this service and several are bringing their own urns for their animals. Thus far we have received \$635 on the cremations. We also have brochures at all the local veterinarian offices. Charlotte added that no one has inquired about being present at the cremations.

Abilene Animal Control Division received the Agency Award at the Texas Animal Control Association state conference which was held in San Antonio in November. We received the award for the quarantine area and how we have enhanced the lifestyle of the animals while they are with us. We received the award for populations over 100,000. Mike added that Charlotte gave a good presentation to the council showcasing the shelter. She also received an award from the president for her dedication to animal

control.

Texas Municipal League has taken a non-committal type situation animal shelters obtaining rabies vaccine. The bill will allow the shelters to give the rabies vaccine before the animal leaves the shelter. We are not going to give the vaccine at the present time. This is a good thing for the isolated areas and this may pass in the next legislative session.

As discussed at the last meeting, John Perry retired from the Animal Control Division, Scotty Mitchell was transferred to the field as Senior ACO and Matt Montgomery was hired as Senior ACO for the shelter.

During the Christmas Parade of Lights we wrapped Christmas lights on one of our caged trucks and had a good time in the parade. Leah added that the Humane Society won 1st place for its float. Charlotte added that it was a really good thing and we had alot of good feedback on this.

The last item on the agenda was the city web page. The City of Abilene is online with our own Homepage at <http://camalott.com/abilene> Animal Control does have a section on the web page. We will be putting current information on the bulletin board on upcoming events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Dr. Jack Callan, Chairman
Patti Owens, Recording Secretary

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