

Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

July, 31, 1997

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its second yearly meeting, July 31, 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, Leah Herron, Gary Scott. Also present was J. J. Kerns-Hughes.

The minute of the January 30, 1997 meeting were approved as mailed.

The first item on the agenda was the Superintendents report. Total animal pickup through the end of June, 1997 was 11,354 animals. Total destroyed was 8,102 and released to owners was 1,591. Animal bites total are 206, 139 owner bites & 67 stray bites, which are on average with the state overall. We have had 9,911 calls to date and are very busy at this time of the year. The shelter is full and we are seeing more kittens than ever before this year, however there is no drastic increase or decrease in total animals for the year.

The 2nd Annual Pet Adoptathon was held on Saturday, May 3, 1997 and was a great success. This adoptathon was held throughout the United States by participating shelters all over. The Abilene shelter was open extended hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 24 animals were adopted. The Humane Society had a booth with information, Abilene Police Canine Department, Grounder, & Recreation Rex were there. Also Mr. Gatti's donated pizza for everyone. It was a great time and success and definitely will be done again next year.

In the update on cremations Charlotte said that we have already exceeded the projected revenue of \$2,400. To date 30 dogs, 5 cats, & 1 bird for a total revenue of \$2460.00 The public is grateful for this service and the shelter understands the need of this for people and their animals. Charlotte and board discussed the need for a large "blender" for crushing the brittle bones of the remains and various suggestions were made.

Personnel changes were discussed: Pattie Owens moved to Brenham and was replaced by J. J. Kerns-Hughes and J. J. was introduced to all.

Dr. Callan asked about the 1/2 time person going to full time that was approved by the budget committee. Charlotte explained that we only needed 5 more hours in order for that person to be full-time and it was given.

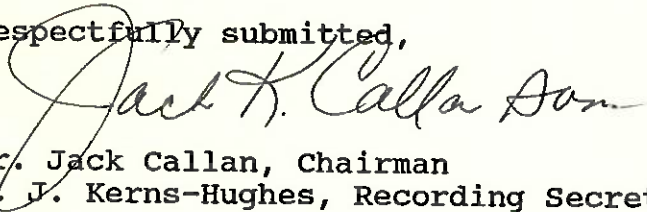
Charlotte informed everyone of the upcoming TACA Conference to be

held at the Embassy Suites, November 9 - 12, 1997. Charles Stenholm will be the keynote speaker and it will be attended by Animal Control & Humane Society personnel statewide, possibly Louisiana and New Mexico also.

The 2nd Dog dip for 1997 is schedule Saturday, August 2, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and will be the last one done on a Saturday. Charlotte spoke of suggesting that the shelter offer dips 2 days a week from 3 - 5 p.m. for the public to bring in animals during the summer months. She said with the additional 5 hours added by making the part-time employee full-time it would be more feasible and less expensive to having employees on Saturdays and would offer the public more times and convenience to getting their dogs dipped.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Jack Callan, Chairman

J. J. Kerns-Hughes, Recording Secretary

Date minutes approved: 12-4-97