

Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

December 4, 1997

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its third yearly meeting, December 4, 1997 at the Community Services Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by the Chairman, Dr. Jack Callan.

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Charlotte Roy, Dottie Scott, Leah Herron, Gary Scott, & Tony Neitzler. Also present was J. J. Kerns-Hughes.

The minutes of the July 31, 1997 meeting were approved as mailed.

The first item on the agenda was the Superintendents report. Ms. Roy gave a year end report for 96/97. There was a total of 14,072 animals picked up dead & alive for an increase of 1295 from 95/96 year. Animals reclaimed were 1205, which was down 16 from 95/96 and adopted was 700 which was a decrease of 38 from 95/96 year. The bites increased by 9 for a total of 243. There was a total of 11,932 complaint calls answered.

There were 22 school programs given for a total of 2,152 school children. Ms. Roy stated that this was a viable program and would continue.

The 96/97 year stayed continually busy with no slack time as usual. Ms. Roy stated that there was no answer for the decline in owner reclaims and adoptions, but stated that it was a very good year overall.

Second on the agenda was the discussion/action of the veterinarians increase request for spay/neuters. It has been since August 1986 since the prices were last addressed and Ms. Roy informed the board of the survey that was sent to area clinics and the average prices that her and Dr. Dominey, Area Vet. Assn. secretary. After some discussion, the increases were approved to be implemented shortly.

Third was Ms. Roy's report on the annual TACA convention that was held in Abilene in November. The convention was the largest since the A & M convention with over 200 vendors, speakers & participants and a good time was had by all. The Embassy Suites were very helpful and considerate of all our needs. The staff outdid itself in collecting donations for door prizes and auctions and 93% received a door prize of some type. There were many favorable comments made by those in attendance and one letter to the editor. Also our officers who attended were able to receive continuing education credits .

Christmas for Animals was discussed. Last year the shelter adopted

out 22 on our own and 27 in partnership with the Humane Society for a total of 49 adopted from the Animal Control Shelter alone. Also the Humane Society adopted out 31 so there was a total of 81 adopted out between the two. Adoption prices of \$35.00 for cats and \$45.00 for dogs are going to remain the same. This will run from December 8th to 23rd.

Last the Parade of Lights was discussed. It was noted that it was cold and wet but that our personnel still participated. The truck was decorated and we were in a better place as #20 in the parade. It was a lot of fun and we were able to advertise Christmas for Animals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Dr. Jack K. Callan, Chairman  
J. J. Kerns-Hughes, Recording Secretary

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