

Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee  
May 7, 1998

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its first yearly meeting, May 7, 1998 at the Community Services Conference room.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Dr. Jack Callan.

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

The minutes for the December 4, 1997 meeting were approved as mailed.

The first item on the agenda was the superintendents report. Ms. Roy gave the figures from October 1997 to April 1998. There was a total of 7,488 animals picked up dead & alive. Animals reclaimed was 797, animals adopted was 565 and total bites to date were 124. It was noted that the bites had increased slightly.

Second on the agenda was Christmas for Animals. This promotion done in partnership with the Humane Society was very successful. 66 dogs & 23 cats were adopted for a total of 89 animals. This total doubled what was done the year previously at the control center.

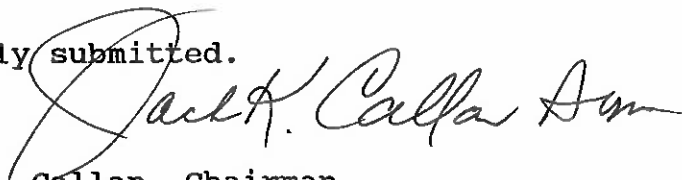
Third on the agenda was the Adoptathon, May 2, 1998 from 10:00 to 6:00. On that day 17 dogs and 4 cats were adopted. Then on Monday, May 4, 1998 three more dogs were adopted because of the adoptathon and brought the total adopted to 24 which was the same as the previous year.

Fourth on the agenda was the free dog dips that the Animal Control Center will be offering each Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ms. Roy emphasized that the hope was that there would be more participation by the citizens and also that no overtime of staff would have to be paid. Various ways to promote this event were discussed and suggested by the board members.

The final item on the agenda was the increase in owner board charges from \$3.00 a day to \$5.00 a day. Ms. Roy noted how she had surveyed various shelters statewide and found that our \$3.00 a day was the least amount charged and felt that by increasing the rates to \$5.00 a day would make us in the mid range. Also it was noted that owner requested euthanasia would have a charge of \$10.00. The increases and new charge will become effective October 1, 1998.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack K. Callan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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

Date minutes approved: 12-11-98