

Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

December 11, 1998

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its second yearly meeting, December 10, 1987 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 Neitzler. Also present was J. J. Kerns-Hughes.

The minutes of the May 7, 1998 meeting were approved as mailed.

The first item on the agenda was the Superintendents report. Ms. Roy informed the committee of Matthew Montgomery's resignation and of Joe Helm leaving as a field officer to become the Shelter Supervisor. She explained that this led to an opening in the field officers and the hiring of Gary Burling to fill the opening. Also discussed was the birth of Shelter attendant Samantha Freeman's new baby boy and the birth of Charlotte's new grandson.

Second on the agenda was the joint venture of the Christmas for Animals between the Animal Control Shelter and the Humane Society. Discussed was the possibility of a large number of adoptions due to the decreased prices of \$30.00 per cat and \$40.00 per dog with the difference being made up by the humane society.

It was noted this was the 14th year of both organizations working together and how productive it has become.

Third, Ms. Roy gave a year end report with a comparison graph between 1997 & 1998. It was noted that the adoptions had increased at least 25% more than last year and that animals released to owners had increased also. Dr. Callan commented regarding the decrease of animals picked up, destroyed, and calls taken.

The cremation program was discussed in how well the public have taken to it and how the shelter had done almost double over last year. Ms. Roy mentioned that during August & September we were booked so far in advance that we were having to hold bodies in a special freezer up to three weeks.

Dottie Scott took this time to compliment the Animal Control Shelter and its employees. She related that we had handled a cremation for a friend of hers and that her friend was impressed with the professionalism, courtesy and caring that was show to her in this difficult time.

Last, Ms. Roy informed everyone of the two new stainless steel

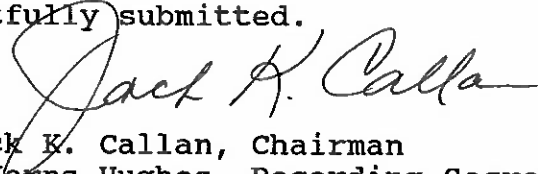
truck compartments that are to be installed soon. She gave everyone a copy of pictures to demonstrate the truck compartments.

Discussed was the fact that these compartments were going to be air-conditioned, double wall insulated with a back up ventilation system that would make the animals being transported more comfortable. Also it was noted that the compartments should last indefinitely since they were constructed from stainless steel and to our specifications.

The projected date for completion of installation of both units was before January 1, 1999. Ms. Scott suggested that the city try to get some media coverage in order to let the public know how our animal control is striving to make the animals more comfortable during transport.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



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

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