

Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

January 6, 2000

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its third yearly meeting, January 06, 2000, at the Community Services Conference room.

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

All members were present: Dr. Jack Callan, Charlotte Roy, Gary Scott, Dottie Scott, Leah Herron and Tony Neitzler. Also present Heather Randolph.

The minutes of the August 26, 1999 meeting were approved as mailed.

The first item on the agenda was the Superintendents report. Ms. Roy gave a review of the 1998-1999 fiscal year Operational Analysis. Ms Roy stated "We had a really good year, the increase in adoptions was our biggest highlight." There were no questions regarding the report.

Second, on the agenda was an overview of personnel changes made since the last meeting. ACO Raymond Soto, from Recreation, was hired to replace Dustyn Bolinger, Trapper Alfred Garcia was hired to replace Melissa Tatum, and Sara Underwood filled the new budgeted position of Shelter Attendant. We are now at full staff.

Third, Ms. Roy presented information on Christmas for Animals held the 13th – 23rd of December. This is a joint venture between the control shelter and the Taylor-Jones Humane Society. This year we adopted a total of 70 animals with only 8 people going through the Humane Society, compared to 56 that were adopted last year.

Next, Ms. Roy presented information on Rescue the Animals involvement. A hand out was presented to the members comparing the adoptions of 1998 and 1999 from April to December. Rescue the Animals came into full force in April of 1999 and a significant increase can be noted in animal adoptions since their incorporation. "Rescue the Animals is a good marriage with the shelter", said Ms. Roy. Charlotte also gave much praise to the involvement of KTXS and anchorwoman Karen Wilkinson.

Next, Ms. Roy provided information on the TACA 25th Annual Conference in College Station, Texas. This year Officer Edmondson accompanied Ms. Roy to the conference. Ms Roy included "At these conferences we are always learning something new about animal control, and the city is gracious enough to allow us to attend these conferences and continue our education."

Finally, Ms. Roy updated the committee on our euthanasia progress. Currently we have three officers that are Certified Euthanasia Technicians. There will be a certification school held in February 2000, and Animal Control plans to send one maybe two officers to that. "Certification classes are a buffer to our officers, it gives them a chance to learn

about the how to and medical portions of euthanasia”, Ms. Roy added. Many questions were asked regarding cost and records of medicines and the Drug Enforcement Administration involvement in our procedures.

Members also had questions about the procedure of the reclamation of animals when they are impounded as the result of a police arrest. Ms. Roy explained the procedures by scenario.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack K. Callan". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Dr. Jack K. Callan, Chairman
Heather Randolph, Recording Secretary

Date minutes approved: 5-11-00