

Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

January 11, 2001

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its third yearly meeting, January 11, 2001, at the Community Services Conference room.

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

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Charlotte Roy, and Leah Herron. Also present Heather Randolph, Tony Neitzler, and Melissa O'Neill.

The minutes of the August 31, 2000, meeting were approved as mailed.

The Superintendents report was the first item on the agenda. Ms. Roy presented to the board the Animal Control End of Year Operational Analysis for 1999-2000. Individual booklets were given to each member. Ms. Roy paid special attention to the increase in number of animals adopted. She also pointed out the increase in animal impoundment and attributes this to the extended media attention the shelter is receiving, "People see the exposure, and have begun to bring their animals in more readily". Dead animal pickups were about the same compared to the previous fiscal year, as were private cremations. Total animals released were up, both adoptions and returns to owner are in this category, and this increase was attributed to the increase in adoptions. Animal to human exposures were down while written citations were up. Charlotte stated that issuing a citation is used as a very last resort. Dr. Callan commented, "With as many people as we deal with 130 is a very small number of citations".

Items second, third, and fifth on the agenda were reviewed together. Charlotte discussed Rescue the Animals involvement over the Christmas holidays, stating they contributed \$20.00 toward the spay/neuter of every adopted animal from November 30, 2000, to December 22, 2000. Animal Control also lowered their adoption fee by \$6.00. To start the season off with a bang, on November 30, 2000, RTA in conjunction with KEAN radio and KTXS had a special adoptathon, where the shelter was open till 10:00 p.m., Ms. Roy commented on this and also the sleepover that followed. Charlotte made the committee aware that our partnership with the Taylor-Jones Humane Society during Christmas for Animals was surprisingly unsuccessful. Unfortunately no animals were adopted from the shelter through that program, although, Leah did comment the TJHS adopted twelve dogs and eight cats during that duration.

Per the fourth item on the agenda, Ms. Roy made the committee aware of the Texas Animal Control Association's recognition of Paul Washburn as Volunteer of the Year. This was the first year for a volunteer category in the awards presentation

Finally, Ms. Leah Herron gave information on the Taylor-Jones Humane Society spay/neuter program and financial status. The TJHS assisted in spaying or neutering over 1000 animals last year. Ms. Roy asked Leah what types of criteria were needed to gain

assistance from TJHS. Ms. Herron stated that there are no particular criteria, they simply visit with individuals and then work to get the procedures accomplished. Leah also informed the committee that funding received through Christmas for Animals was very good and recently the TJHS was awarded more than 400 shares of Kimberly Clark stock, which has left them in excellent financial condition.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.



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

Date minutes approved: 5.3.01