

## Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

May 3, 2001

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its first yearly meeting, May 3, 2001, at the Community Services Conference room.

The Chairman, Dr. Jack Callan, called the meeting to order at 3:34 P.M.

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Charlotte Roy, Dottie Scott. Also, present Heather Randolph, Tony Neitzler, and Mrs. Callan.

The minutes of the January 11, 2001, meeting were approved as mailed.

The Superintendent's report was the first item on the agenda. Ms. Roy stated that the Animal Control Division has had four good complete months, animal pick ups have increased by 260, 1,210 compared to 950 April of 2000. She also presented the differences in owner reclamations 97 to 105, adoptions 172 to 134, and bites 31 to 20. Volunteer hours have also increased.

Dr Callan asked if Ms. Roy attributed the decrease in owner reclamations to the economy? Ms. Roy answered by stating that she did not think so. "People just do not want to come in and get their animals, it is an inconvenience. We live in a throw-away society and we as Animal Control professionals do not know how to change this mentality." Dr Callan also asked "Have the owner reclamations increased or decreased over the last two to three years?" Charlotte stated that they have steadily increased which she attributes to the Rescue The Animals publicity. Dottie Scott asked if people call the shelter to pick up litters, Ms. Roy said yes.

Charlotte then continued by stating the shelter's injectable euthanasia program has been in effect for one solid year. The Animal Control Division has only one employee left to get certified for injectable euthanasia. Ms. Roy finished by adding " We talk regularly about euthanasia and have a rotating schedule to decrease the chance of burn out."

The second and last item on the addenda was information about the National Annual Adopt-A-Thon. It was presented that the Adopt-A-Thon Committee named the event "Cinco De Dog Meow". The shelter will have two live remotes from KEAN and KKHR, games and prizes, contests sponsored by Rescue The Animals, demonstrations, and office personnel Heather Randolph and Samantha Freeman are making craft items for raffle. The event will run from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and Ms Roy stated that she hopes the weather is not like last year. "If you will remember, it was 106 degrees and we had to shut down early." She also stated that we report all the total adoption numbers to the North Shore Animal League, where they will compile state wide numbers.

Dr Callan asked what would become of the event should it rain? Charlotte answered by

saying the Adopt-A-Thon would continue although all outside activities would be canceled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack H. Callan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Dr. Jack Callan, Chairman  
Heather Randolph, Recording Secretary

Date minutes approved: 11/15/01