

## Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

August 31, 2000

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held its second yearly meeting, August 31, 2000, at the Community Services Conference room.

The Chairman, Dr. Jack Callan, called the meeting to order at 3:28 P.M.

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Charlotte Roy, Dottie Scott, Megan Santee, and Leah Herron. Also present Heather Randolph, and Tony Neitzler.

The minutes of the May 11, 2000, meeting were approved as mailed.

Introducing Megan Santee as the new Animal Control Legal Advisory and Board Member was the first item on the agenda. She told the board some about herself and everyone welcomed her to the committee.

The Superintendents report was the second item on the agenda. Ms. Roy presented to the board the same presentational booklet she presented to the city council showing our year to date numbers. All the figures reported were through July 2000. Ms. Roy stated Animal Control has had an increase in animal pickups by 493 compared to this time last year, she contributes this to the publicity regarding not dumping animals. Ms. Roy also reported our shelter destroys year to date at 5894, down by approximately 300 animals. "We feel very good about this", Ms. Roy said. Our adoptions are up and animal to human bites are about the same. There was much discussion on the issuance of citations. Ms. Roy stated Officer Helm is about to start his school program, and said, "We get a lot of good feed back on that." Leah Herron concurred by stating that her grandchildren were extremely impressed with the program.

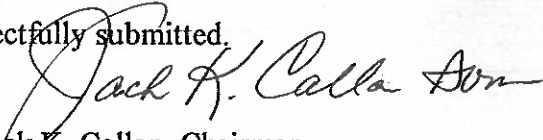
Third on the agenda was an update on Animal Control Divisions involvement with Rescue the Animals. Ms. Roy stated that she believes that our increase in adoptions this year go hand in hand with our wonderful media programs. Projected adoptions for the 1999-2000 fiscal year was 1000 animals, by the end of August we had reached 1891. Rescue the Animals currently has approximately 200 volunteers in their various programs and has scheduled another adoption push with the shelter toward the end of September. Ms. Roy informed the committee of a very large food donation that the shelter received recently from Bil Jack, with the help of Annette Turner owner of Pampered Pet Inn, Bil Jack donated a total of 1800 pounds of food; 1000 pounds of cat food and 800 pounds of dog food. Finally, Ms. Roy gave praise to Rescue the Animals for their hard work and dedication by saying, "They are a life saver and do a lot of good work for us".

Last, Ms. Roy gave information on the trapping program. She reported this is a very popular program especially with the senior citizens. Animal Control currently has 30 working traps in use daily and one Animal Control Officer that specializes in trapping. There were questions by the members regarding what is causing the increase in wild

animals in the city limits and what is done with the animals that are trapped. Ms. Roy answered by stating that the drought plays a major part in the wild animals coming into the city and the kind of animal decides what is done with it once it is trapped. So far this year, through July, 1321 animals have been trapped compared to 1494 in all of last year. Dr. Callan asked, "How many are cats", Ms. Roy answered 65-70%. Most being cats that people feel sorry for and feed, begin to breed, and then become a nuisance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date minutes approved: 1/11/01