

Animal Advisory Board Minutes

November 16, 2011

Call to Order

Chairperson Estep called the November 16, 2011 AAB meeting to order.

The following members were present: Voting members: Ida Estep, Dianne Barrett, Steve Trubilla and Dr. Elyse Goldman, DVM; ex-officio members: Commissioner David Bunn, Franklin County Animal Control Director Graham Stallings, and Franklin County Humane Society President Kelly Larson. Absent: Voting member Mark Speed, Brenda Simmons and Bess Nicholson.

Estep welcomed Steve Trubilla to the AAB.

Members of the Public

Estep recognized members of the Public, and a sign –up sheet was passed for a complete listing for all in attendance.

Public Comment- Kim Gallaway commented that an idea for the next adopt-a-thon might be to have the SPCA spay/neuter bus at the event. Comments were made from board members that it would not be possible to spay/neuter that day but instead to let people know what the SPCA offers.

Motion to adopt the Minutes: Trubilla so moved and Barrett seconded, and the motion carried to approve minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting.

Adopt-a-thon –Discussion General discussion followed, including the success of the event, \$220.00 was made and will be used to purchase vaccines. Improvements can be made, such as; increasing advertising, noting that the Billboard on Capital Blvd. was excellent! Trubilla suggested putting the information into schools, possibly with a contest for the students in the elementary grades. Estep said she would speak to Pam Tant.

Plan to get the information into the newspapers sooner, there were many mistakes made by the Franklin Times and they have apologized. Other suggestions include having an ACO and volunteers take the Pet-Mobile to Wal-Mart to tell people about the event. The Balloons were a good idea. In the future the adoption fee will continue to be waived on adopt-a-thon day. Continue to make sure the focus is adopting animals. Adding micro-chipping as a service on adoption day for a fee of approx. \$10.00, if possible was mentioned.

Continuing Business:

1. Raffle tickets: Raffle tickets were passed out for the trailer donated by Harry Foy. The trailer will be raffled at the next adopt-a-thon. Everyone is encouraged to sell as many tickets as they can.
2. Estep will get a picture of the trailer so people can see what is being raffled.
3. Larson suggested putting an article in the paper once a month.
4. Larson further said that whoever sells the most tickets over \$25 will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card donated by the Franklin County Humane Society.

Other Business: Spay/Neuter: There is concern that the % of people that adopt getting their animals spayed/neutered is low. The rescue groups spay/neuter.

Next Adopt-a-thon: Planned for April 21, or 28, 2012. (Easter is April 8). The date will be set at the January meeting, as well as firming up plans.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:15pm in the Administration Building.

Motion to Adjourn: Estep so moved and Trubilla seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elyse Goldman, DVM