

## July Minutes

The first Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting was held on July 7 at 15:00 hours. Captain Douglas Nolte began the meeting with an introduction and had all persons in attendance introduce themselves.

Robin Bradly, Program Specialist for the City of Wichita

Zack Daniel, Management Fellow for the City of Wichita

Dennis Graves, Drew Bessey, and Lt. Kenney from the Animal shelter

Jan Jarman, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Wichita

Melissa Houston, KHS

Were a few of the attendees.

### Board Members in attendance:

Sarah Guengerich

John Stevens

Stephanie McCurdy

Judy Handley

Teresa Burks

Traci Gehrke

Absent Board Member:

Chris Hagman

Jan Jarman noted that one of the first orders of businesses needs to be adoption of Bi-laws and appointing a Chair Person. Jan will supply the board with sample copies of bi-laws. To comply with the open meeting laws, Jan informed Committee members they were **NOT** allowed to "Reply to ALL" or Send out mass emails to all Board Members.

Cpt. Nolte listed several topics for the Board to address:

- Ordinance Revisions
- Mail carrier concerns
  - Animals Running at Large (RAL)
  - Bite/Attacks

- Improving the Rescue Process
- Good Will Program, introduced by Dennis Graves
- Reduce turnover of Shelter Employees
- Trap Neuter Release (TNR)
- Vet Care
  - SAM Program
  - Vet Contracts
    - Tracy noted that currently KHS receives gifts to subsidize Spay and Neutering of animals, which local vets cannot compete with the price.
  
- Stephanie McCurdy requested a copy of the Improvement Process which was prepared by Robin. The report has yet to be shared with the City Council.
- John Stevens requested report and stats which can be shared to other Community Groups. Lt. Kenney recently posted some stats on the City's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/WichitaAnimalShelter?fref=nf>
- Teresa acknowledged the board needed an avenue to obtain input from citizens. A suggestion was made for board members to create a Gmail email address such as: **First Initial Last Name** [WACAB@Gmail.com](mailto:WACAB@Gmail.com)

Items the board wants to address:

- Teresa
  - Wording in Chapter 6, example "Poison" when referring to certain snakes.
  - City requires a new Rabies tag yearly, but Rabies shots can be every 3 years
  - Chapter 6 does not allow Breeding License in neighborhoods. This needs to be reviewed.
- Tracy
  - Staffing and response of Animal Control
  - Mail carriers often are the front line in notifying and protecting citizens of dangerous animals
  - The need for the City and USPS
- John
  - Echoed Tracy's concerns over Mail carriers and attacks.
- Stephanie
  - Rescue Process
    - Animals leaving the shelter unaltered
  - Look at euthanizing animals at night
  - Breeding license
- Judy
  - TNR
  - Echoed issues of Mail carrier concerns

- The difference between the number of Mail carrier attacks in Albuquerque NM and Wichita KS
- Sarah
  - Make City Ordinance more TNR friendly
  - Increase the number of Spay and Neuters.

The Meeting concluded at 4:15 with a tour of the Wichita Animal Shelter.

Todo:

- Lt. Kenney to provide Board Members with Chapter 6, attached.
  - Here is the hyper link: <https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=14166>
- Board Members to establish a Board Email address which can be given out
- Robin to research if the study which was prepared can be shared with the Board
- Wichita Animal Shelter to research Mail carrier attacks in Albuquerque NM and Wichita KS

FYI

Chris emailed Cpt. Nolte yesterday regarding missing the meeting. I believe John's email address was incorrect on the notification.

My Cell number is: **316-209-6431**

**Next Board Meeting will be held on August 5 at 4 PM, at the Wichita Animal Shelter.**