



## Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board

June, 2019

A meeting of the Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board was held at Manatee County Animal Services, 305 25<sup>th</sup> Street West Palmetto, FL 34221 on \*June 18, 2019

### Roll Call

Sarah Brown, MCAS Chief

#### **Board members:**

Lisa Barnott

Jana Martin

Lisa Williams

Laurie Wasoski

Gerald Thomas

Dr. Lindsay Rollend

### Welcome

Meeting called to order by Chair, Lisa Barnott

### Approval of Minutes

March 2019 minutes were approved.

### Topic\*

Introduction of new advisory board member, Dr. Lindsay Rollend, Wellness Director, veterinarian at Manatee County Humane Society.

### Topic\*

\* Shelter updates from Chief Sarah Brown:

- Shelter population: 150 dogs, 100 cats.
- The new Cat Town facility is open. Grand opening is planned. Much better facility for the cats and volunteers. The cats even have televisions.
- New shelter information. The Board of County Commissioners approved 8 million for the building and Animal Network is charged with raising an additional 2 million toward the new shelter.

- The BOCC approved \$400,000 on June 18, 2019 for immediate needs and improvements, especially electric, to the current shelter.
- The new kennel manager, Chris, has been employed for three months and she was able to step into the meeting to discuss how the position is going. She explained some of her experience with animal behavior and was with Best Friends in Utah.
- Several high profile animal cruelty cases recently. Dog with gun shots, a dog found in a dumpster. Media drew attention to the stories, Daisy, found in dumpster, was adopted through MCAS.

### Topic\*

\* Board business:

- The BOCC will vote on the county budget in September. The advisory board voted in favor of sending a letter of support to approve a new position of volunteer coordinator.
- Sarah Brown presented the Manatee County animal ordinance with proposed changes.
- Gerald Thomas suggested closing loopholes.
- Lisa Barnott suggested feral cat definition and asked about a change for the stray hold.
- Discussion concerning definitions for court cases, concerns about dogs for sale and resulting diseases without health certificates.
- Discussion about protecting chickens. Would dogs be designated as dangerous for killing chickens?
- Board members to read over ordinance for next meeting.

### Future Issues

#### Public Comment

\*\* Public comment:

Question about adding Leptospirosis vaccine to required vaccines, also questioned requirement of tags and worried that collars are not always on pets.

Comment about state definition of pet dealers and wanting to add that health certificates should be required for all transfers of animals, to include rescues.

#### Next Meeting

Scheduled July 23, 2019

#### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.