

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 17, 2019

Location: Orange County Facilities Training Room
2350 E Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32806

Meeting called to order by: Chair Nanette P. Parratto-Wagner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded/transcribed by: Linda Hull

Meeting adjourned at: 7:15 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nanette P. Parratto-Wagner, Chair
Frayda Morris
Lisa A. Franchina
Richard Risser
Porscha Scott
Paul Wean

STAFF

Diane Summers, Manager
Peggy Meeks, Assistant Manager
Kristin Tsukamoto, Communications Program Manager
Melissa Nicholson, Rescue Program Coordinator

APPROVED: _____

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ITEM#	TOPIC	ACTIONS TAKEN/DISCUSSION/ASSIGNED
1.	Welcome/Roll Call	6:30 p.m.
2.	Approval of Minutes	August 2019 minutes were approved.
3.	Manager's Report	Diane Summers introduced Melissa Nicholson, the Rescue Program Coordinator. Nicholson announced that the dog training classes will be starting again shortly.
4.	Old business	<p>Paul Wean requested that a representative from the County Attorney's Office be invited for a discussion of the Orange County Animal Services Do Not Adopt policy in order to set a clear administrative policy.</p> <p>The MMRB has not been responding to correspondence regarding their position on the Ally's Law resolution. It was requested that this be added to next month's agenda for further discussion.</p> <p>Discussion of Rescue Holds is tabled until next month. Summers shared new policy that once an animal has been moved to the clinic then he/she is no longer available for interaction for adoption purposes. Moving forward, animals with rescue holds will not be available once they are in the clinic preparing for departure. Citizens expressing interest in adoption will be referred to the rescue group.</p>
5.	New Business	<p>Touch of Grey Rescue's grant application was approved.</p> <p>The board has questions for the leaders of Spay and Neuter Nation before considering their grant application. A representative from the group will attend the November Advisory Meeting.</p>

6.	Public Comments	<p>Diane Summers clarified the policies regarding humane euthanasia of underweight kittens. We are unable to vaccinate kittens under 2 pounds and any illness they may carry can easily spread to other animals in the shelter. Therefore,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kittens weighing less than 1 pound are euthanized, unless shelter can find an appropriate bottle baby foster parent, although this is a small pool of candidates. • Kittens 1 to 1 ½ pounds must be deemed healthy by a veterinarian, and must leave the same day with a rescue group or a foster. • Kittens 1 ½ to 2 pounds can stay overnight to be taken by a rescue or foster. <p>Animal Services is operating a “U-Purr” program in which volunteers will transport kittens to fosters unable to get to the shelter to pick up kittens.</p> <p>The new Wait ‘til 8 program is designed to greatly diminish the number of kittens humanely euthanized. Citizens turning kittens in to the shelter are encouraged to take the kittens home with food, supplies, and assistance from Kindness for Cats. Nick Lippincott, the Animal Services staff member facilitating the program in conjunction with Kindness for Cats, will be invited to an upcoming Advisory Board meeting to share more about the successes of the program.</p> <p>Judy Sarullo spoke of an incident she became involved in where it was suspected that puppies were not being properly cared for. She was concerned that Animal Services and the Orange County Sherriff’s Department were not following through on a report of possible abuse because they did not enter the property where the suspected abuse was occurring.</p> <p>Deputy Risser replied that law enforcement cannot enter a property without probable cause. Animal Services is unable to do so as well.</p> <p>Melissa Nicholson was aware of the incident and stated that a supervisor was scheduled to go to the property the next day, September 18, 2019, to speak to the owner.</p>
7.	Adjournment	7:15 p.m. - meeting adjourned

The full audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.