

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 19, 2021

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

Meeting called to order by: Chair Nanette Parratto-Wagner

Time: 6:34 p.m.

Minutes recorded/transcribed by: Linda Hull

Meeting adjourned at: 7:01 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nanette Parratto-Wagner
Rosina McVicker
Matthew Thorne
Bradley Conway
Janet Williams *virtual

STAFF

Diane Summers, Manager
Peggy Meeks, Assistant Manager
Linda Hull, Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved _____

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ITEM#	TOPIC	ACTIONS TAKEN/DISCUSSION/ASSIGNED
1.	Welcome/Roll Call	6:34 p.m.
2.	New Board Member	Bradley Conway was introduced as a new Board Member
3.	New Board Chair and Vice Chair elected	Nanette Parratto-Wagner - Chair Rosina McVicker -Vice Chair
4.	Approval of Minutes	December minutes were approved
5.	Manager's Report	<p>Diane Summers announced that the live release rates were very high in December 2020: 97% dogs, and 90% cats.</p> <p>All of the Spay and Neuter vouchers have been distributed – close to 600 to this date. Fundraising efforts are needed but hampered by the issue of OCAS having no way to collect credit card donations online. The Board stated they would write a letter to the Orange County Commissioners requesting the matter be explored further.</p>
6.	Old business	No old business was discussed.
7.	New Business	<p>Rosina McVicker requested clarification of OCAS's policy for dogs and cats that are picked up injured. Citing a recent post on Facebook, it is apparent that public perception is that injured cats are not treated with the same priority as injured dogs.</p> <p>Peggy Meeks assured her that this is not the case. Dogs and cats are treated equally under the law. If an injured animal comes into the shelter during open hours it will be evaluated by a staff veterinarian, who can then determine the severity of the case and recommend next steps, up to and potentially including humane euthanasia if the pet is suffering.</p>

		<p>McVicker then asked if OCAS follows up with the owners of injured pets in cases where the animal is returned to the owner.</p> <p>Summers stated that these owners are given Official Notices requiring them to seek veterinary care, and officers are sent to the home to ensure this is done or the pet owners can send in proof of veterinary care through documentation.</p> <p>Matthew Thorne stated that the Orange County Sheriff's Department Agriculture Unit will also follow up in cases where cruelty has been suspected.</p> <p>Janet Williams questioned whether the same consideration is given to cats with Parvo as dogs with Parvo.</p> <p>Summers said that in Parvo cases the animal must be out of our facility by the end of the day. Every effort is made to find a rescue partner to take both dogs or cats.</p>
8.	Public Comments	No public comments
9.	Adjournment	7:15

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