



March 8, 2022

Animal Control Board Members:

Barbara McKenzie
Kristi Thomas
Gloria McCain
Myla Chapman
Becky Sheffield

Clayton County Police Department:

Major Schindler
Captain Jodi Turnipseed
Lt. Tunisha Billups

Public

Katherine Denfeld Lowery

- The above was in attendance for the Animal Control Board Meeting (in person) on March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting was called to order by Barbara McKenzie and minutes from the previous meeting minutes were approved.
- The first report was from Major Schindler. He introduced himself as the Administrative Major over Animal Control and welcomed all to the meeting. He recognized the newest board member, Myla Chapman.
- The second report was the YTD Statistics from Captain Turnipseed. She stated that the current euthanization rate is 1.12% for animals in the shelter and 6% including those euthanized due to injury or illness and not brought into the shelter.

The total number of animals taken in so far for 2022 (Jan 1 to Feb 28) was 499. The following is the breakdown of those animals.

| TOTAL | Intake PY 2021 | YTD 2022 | Adopted PY 2021 | YTD 2022 | Rescue PY 2021 | YTD 2022 | Reclaim PY 2021 | YTD 2022 | Euthanized PY 2021 | YTD 2022 |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| All | 2889 | 499 | 503 | 124 | 1666 | 246 | 455 | 94 | 164* | 38** |
| Dogs | 2182 | 431 | 409 | 107 | 1139 | 211 | 444 | 92 | 109 | 32 |
| Cats | 663 | 60 | 67 | 16 | 515 | 35 | 7 | 1 | 53 | 6 |
| Other | 45 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
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**Of the 164 animals euthanized in 2021, 65 were in shelter euthanizations and 99 were from road where officer responded to injured animal.*

***Of the 38 animals euthanized so far in 2022, 8 were in shelter euthanizations and 30 were from road where officer responded to injured animal.*

Captain Turnipseed pointed out the high number of RTO (Return to Owner) and credits the ability to check microchips and social media postings as the probable reasons for the increase. Also, ACO's are following up in the field with owners to reconnect with the animal with the owner. They also may use this information to issue citations if it becomes apparent that the animal was intentionally abandoned by the owner.

- Barbara McKenzie asked if there was any old business to discuss. There was no old business.
- Becky Sheffield commented and asked for clarification on the Urgent List that that has been in use for several months. She commented that it does get the dogs noticed quicker. Captain Turnipseed commented that the weekly Urgent List is a listing of the animals that have been there the longest and is not a "kill list". She is also able to use her background expertise as a K-9 handler to assess the temperament of each dog and provide this useful information to interested rescues and potential adopters. She also mentioned that the shelter has to always hold enough available space should there be a hoarding/removal case in the Clayton County.
- Barbara McKenzie asked if there is any new business. There is no new business to discuss.
- The floor was opened for public discussion.
- Gloria McCain asked if the board members would like to meet before the next meeting to brainstorm ideas to help CCAC with community outreach and adoptions. The board members agreed that this would be a good thing to do before the next meeting.
- Barbara McKenzie asked about the dog, Pearl that was euthanized recently. Captain Turnipseed replied that the dog came in on a Monday and rescues were reached out to about her. Her condition deteriorated and was euthanized on Friday. X-rays were done and there were significant injuries to the dog. She was

kept comfortable with sedatives, but after speaking with the staff vet, it was determined that the humane thing to do was euthanize her.

- Becky Sheffield asked about the current policy for visitors at both shelters. Captain Turnipseed said the Adoption Center is open in Ellenwood and animals can be viewed in the lobby. If there is an animal in the back, they can be brought up by a staff member for a potential adopter. This shelter has barriers that may protect staff and visitors from COVID-19. The Jonesboro location does not have these barriers, so visitors are not allowed inside the shelter. Shelter cards of each animal are posted at the front door and window. Persons wishing to meet an animal here will have to request this at the door and the animal can be brought to the side yard enclosure. Captain Turnipseed also mentioned that they are still short staffed with many positions remaining unfilled.
- A member of the public, Katherine Lowery, asked about volunteering at the shelter. Captain Turnipseed said that because there are inmates who work at the shelter this is not allowed.
- Comment from Barbara McKenzie: This concluded the business for today's meeting.
- Comment from Barbara McKenzie: The next Animal Control Board Meeting will be held on June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
- Comment from Barbara McKenzie: The meeting is adjourned.

Capt. J. Turnipseed _____ Date _____
Animal Control Commander

Major S. Schindler _____ Date _____
Animal Control Commander