



Town of Mansfield Animal Welfare Committee

Minutes for October 21, 2021

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Chuck MacKean
Chairman

Carol Kosel
Vice-Chairman

Joan Brandt
Alternate

Mary Andrews
Clerk

Erika Cervasio, D.V.M.
Alternate

Ana Molina-Villella
Member

Sharon Baker
Member

Present: AWC: Chuck MacKean, Carol Kosel, Sharon Baker, Ana Villella, Mary Andrews, Erika Cervasio
ACO: Jeff Collins

The Animal Welfare Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Mansfield Airport.

Approve Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from August 18, 2021. Passes.

ACO's Report

- Regarding the recent media issue with the dog Nipse: Jeff had given permission to a volunteer to contact a rescue organization to find a place for Nipse, who was scheduled for euthanasia due to aggression and bite history. The volunteer, presumably thinking he had permission, contacted multiple organizations, including Winslow Farm. Winslow Farm published on their Facebook an edited version of the information the volunteer provided, not the full story. The result was a flurry of Facebook posts, critical of and insulting to the shelter. The volunteer has been demoted from shift captain, but continues to volunteer.
- Jeff is looking for a Rottie Rescue organization that will take Saint, who has been abandoned by his owner after the dog killed a domestic pet.

Shelter Maintenance

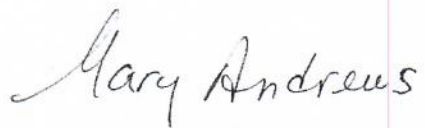
- Jeff will investigate getting a floodlight for the dog play yard in the rear of the building. He will also check on street lights outside the shelter that have not been coming on.
- Jeff will notify Gary of the valence that needs to be replaced in the visitation room.
- Numbers for kennel doors are available in the office to complete the job for the inside kennel doors. Jeff will get more numbers for the outside kennel doors.

Miscellaneous

- Dog trainer Sue Thibedeau would like to add a flyer and a statement about “adverse” dog training to the take-home folders we give to dog adopters. Carol Kosel will follow up.
- Starting with the next meeting, AWC will meet at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.
- The distribution list for daily shelter updates will be revised to eliminate volunteers who no longer volunteer at the shelter. Shift captains will be advised to use the new distribution list.

Adjournment

Adjourned 8:15 p.m.



Signature of Clerk Date: 10/21/21