

**MINUTES**

On February 7, 2018, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:30 p.m. in the Council meeting room to discuss the agenda, in the City Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Melanie Davidson	Yes	05	05
Dr. Kellie Dodson DVM	Yes	12	12
AJ Fawver	Yes	01	01
Dale Potter	Yes	13	10
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	09	09

Also in attendance were:

Richard Havens	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Christy Fischer	Asst. Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kevin Moon	Field Services Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Raymond Chavez	Shelter Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Stacy Smith, DVM	Shelter Veterinarian, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Clay Martin	Shelter Volunteer Coordinator, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jeffna Cox	Administrative Tech, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Elisa Yara	Office Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Larry Milam	Executive Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
Chase Steinmetz	TNR Coordinator, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society

**ITEM 1:** Chris Wrampelmeier called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:30 P.M. Richard Havens presented the Advisory Board with a show and tell of a stray dog, named Tangles that was severely matted and neglected. Turn into Face book to see updates on Tangles (before and after photos).

**ITEM 2:** Public Forum

Andrea Slater-Gulley, 3533 Sleepy Hollow Blvd, 79121. Andrea thanked AM&W and APHS for the Dogs Playing for Life training session. She was happy to be invited to attend the training. She wants the Advisory Board to be the voice for AM&W to help with funding to care for our animal population. Kelly Landers, 4617 Bushland Blvd, 79106. She wants to give kudos to the Humane Society. She attended today's meeting to help out and make a positive change. She is frustrated when she sees dogs out in the cold and no resources to assist on those types of calls. She wants the community to help out.

**ITEM 3:** Chris Wrampelmeier called for the motion to approve the minutes from the November, 1, 2017, Board Meeting. Dr. Kellie Dodson motioned with a second motion from Chris Wrampelmeier. Dale Potter and AJ Fawver abstained from voting due to not being present. Motion carried 3:0.

**ITEM 4:** Richard Havens, Director of AM&W, presented on the operation of Animal Management & Welfare.

All stats can be located on the AM&W website.

**November 2016 vs. November 2017 Stats:**

Total intake was down 18% (1121 vs. 922); Stray dogs were down 25% (643 vs. 483)  
Stray cats were down 19% (250 vs.202); Surrendered were up 5% (181 vs. 191)  
Bites were down by 2% (47 vs. 46); Reclaims were down by 24% (137 vs. 104- fees waived Nov, Dec, Jan)  
Adoptions were higher 14% (164 vs. 187); Transferred to Rescue down 44% (387 vs. 216)  
TNR cats were at 15 versus no program in effect the year before; Left through efforts of HS (Adoptions, Rescues, & TNR) was down 24% (551 vs. 418)  
Euthanized was up 16% (261 vs. 305)

**December 20 16 vs. December 2017**

Total intake was down 10% (922 vs. 822); Stray dogs were down 21% (569 vs. 447)  
Stray cats were down 10% (158 vs. 141); Surrendered were up 30% (157 vs. 204)  
Bites were down 21% (38 vs. 30); Reclaims were down 24% (110 vs. 84-fees waived)  
Adoptions were down 16 (264 vs. 221); Transferred to Rescues were down 22% (272 vs. 210)  
TNR cats (0 vs. 5); Left through HS (Adoptions, rescues & TNR) down 18% (536 vs. 436)  
Euthanized were up 15% (234 vs. 270)

**January 17 vs. January 2018**

Total intake was down 7% (1002 vs. 933); Stray dogs were down 25% (671 vs. 499)  
Stray cats were down 7% (157 vs. 145); Surrendered were down 96% (128 vs. 252)  
Bites were down 19% (46 vs. 37); Reclaims were down 21% (113 vs. 89-fees waived)  
Adoptions were down 38% (185 vs. 114); Transferred to Rescues down 11% (333 vs. 296)  
TNR cats were up 2500% (0 vs. 25); Left through HS down 16% (518 vs. 435)

Euthanized were down 19% (238 vs. 191); Richard Havens also discussed the number from 2015 vs. 2016 vs. 2017. Richard announced the new hours for the Front Counter-closed Monday, Tuesday – Friday-10AM to 6PM; Saturday 10AM to 5PM to be aligned with the Humane Society. Best Practice methods standards mirror input/intake hours which are never to exceed output hours. Staffing must be reallocated since resources are scarce. These hours will not impact field operations. Monday's no longer count within the 72 hour stray hold. Target Zero has accepted a fellowship for March to come back and revisit operations. No cost to the City or the Department. Recap for 3 month average: (November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018) reclaims decreased average 23% and Surrenders increased average 44%. Donations will now be accepted at Animal Management & Welfare (monetary and any needed supplies-dog food, cat food, dog toys, bedding, sheets, towels).

**ITEM 5:** Clay Martin presented recent activities with the Volunteer Program. First group of volunteers made dog treats for shelter dogs. December 2017 – clocked 26.50 volunteer training hours and 25.50 adoption event hours (52 hours); January 2018 – clocked 12.50 volunteer training hours and 24.50 assessment group hours (37 hours). Volunteer Service training encompassed training 16 volunteers. Volunteer Orientation was conducted along with animal handling training and assessment group training. Celebrity comedian, Gabriel Iglesias, will be coming later in February for PR at the Shelter. January 11-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, kicked off Dogs Playing for Life program to train Shelter staff, HS, and Volunteers on assessment group training. The dog groups are designed for behavior analysis, outlet for stress relief, and to make for happier and healthier animals inside the shelter. Clay showed a short video of a group assessment session.

**ITEM 6:** Larry Millam presented 2017 numbers: 4063 – Euthanized, 3550 dogs and cats were sent to rescue by Humane Society last year. Three people responsible for saving 3550 animals were Cheyenne Zimmer, Chase Steinmetz and Mandy Keeler.

7613 animals left Amarillo either through death or transport to rescue organizations.

2268 animals were adopted by the community

1182 animals were reclaimed

3450 animals were adopted and reclaimed by citizens which leaves 221% more animals that are not wanted or needed in this community; another alarming number is that for every 100 animals, one third will leave through adoption or reclaim while two thirds will be euthanized or rescued. The targeted number for AM&W to handle through its operation is between 4500-5000 animals compared to the current number of 12,400. In November and December two adoption events were promoted (200 animals were adopted). It has become very apparent that the community does not see that it is worthwhile to pay to adopt an animal for more than \$25.00. Has Amarillo reached animal saturation in the community? We need the Ninety Four Ninety program that was previously proposed to slow down the number of animals in our community. The need for an aggressive spay and neuter program is desperately needed. The contribution to the Ninety Four Ninety Program will be tax deductible. Thanks to Molly Harding for bringing Dogs Playing for Life to Amarillo. Larry also introduced the new full time Vet, Emily Johnston to APHS.

**ITEM 7:** Richard Havens presented the proposed changes to Chapter 8-2 Animals and Fowl Ordinances. Draft versions for proposed ordinance changes can be found on the website that will address definitions and changes/amendments to sections of Chapter 8-2. (abandonment, breeder, breed, intact, enforcement, inhumane treatment, breeders, Roadside, flea market sales and garage sales, prohibited transactions and fees, establish a spay/neuter fund, mandatory spay/neuter, notice of impoundment of tagged animals, intact dogs and cats at large, temporary custodian transfer of ownership ). All the draft proposals can be found at [amw.amarillo.gov](http://amw.amarillo.gov). Richard Havens also reviewed the Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters which can also be found on AMW website.

**ITEM 8:** Scheduling of Public Hearing geared towards official consideration for the proposed ordinances was motioned for Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The motion to schedule was made by Dr. Dodson, second by Dale Potter, motion carried 5:0. Chase Steinmetz advocated shorting the stray hold period from three days to two days to increase animal's health and decrease shelter stressors for the animals.

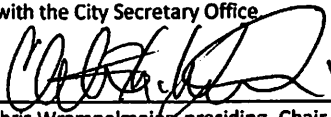
**ITEM 9:** Discussion for nomination for Chair position for AM&W Advisory Board. Chris motioned for Dale Potter to fill the position with a second by Dr. Dodson. Motion carried 4:0

**ITEM 10:** Vice chair for AM&W Advisory Board, Chris Wrampelmeier will stay on.

**ITEM 11:** There were no future agenda items to discuss. Dale Potter thanked AM&W staff and APHS staff for all their hard work.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Secretary Office

  
Chris Wrampelmeier, presiding, Chair Person

ATTEST:

  
Elisa Yara, Office Manager,  
Animal Management & Welfare Dept.