

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 27th, 2023 - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting recording Link:

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MEETING AGENDA

Members in Attendance:

Dustin Gettel – Midvale
Arlyn Bradshaw – SLCO Council
Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon
Alan Peterson – Kearns
Linda Price – White City
Rita Lund – Millcreek
Scott Baird – SLCO Mayor
Carmen Bailey – Salt Lake City

Holly Smith – Holladay
Audrey Pierce - Magna
Kevin Severson – Copperton
Grant Crowell – Bluffdale
Brian Wright – Murray
Juli Ulvestad – Industry Expert
Andrew Clark – Millcreek (Alternate)

Non-Members in Attendance:

Carrie Sibert – Animal Services
Talia Butler – Animal Services
Rebecca Lane – Animal Services

Members Absent:

Jeff Bossard – Brighton
Brian Hartsell - GSLMSD

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL – Dustin Gettel, Chair

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approval of 4-27-23 Meeting Minutes

Arlyn Bradshaw motioned, Rita Lund seconded. All say aye, Holly Smith abstained.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Microchip Scanners Follow-Up, Carrie Sibert, Liaison & Contracts Coordinator

Jurisdictions that received scanners have them mostly distributed. Carrie Sibert will coordinate with Bluffdale to give them to their code enforcement.

3.2. Spayghetti Gala

- **Donations, Carrie Sibert, Liaison & Contracts Coordinator**

Carrie updated the Committee on event details and asked that if any jurisdictions would like to donate items for the auction to please get them to Animal Services by August 15th. Carrie also informed Committee that all members are invited and to inform her if they would like to attend so they can receive ticket information.

- **Award Ceremony, Carrie Sibert, Liaison & Contracts Coordinator**

Carrie explained that this year the event will feature our decade of no-kill celebration and awards ceremony where 10 recipients that have helped us over the last decade will receive an award.

- **Hang Ten Club, Talia Butler, Division Director**

Talia explained that Animal Services is developing some merchandise in honor of the decade of no-kill achievement. Merchandise will feature the hang ten theme of riding the wave of no-kill and includes shirts and hats. They will be for sale at Petapalooza to raise money for shelter programs.

3.3. Robo Cat Traps, Talia Butler, Division Director; Rebecca Lane, TNR Officer

Talia explained that the County featured a program where employees can submit an idea for a chance to receive funding. Rebecca Lane submitted her idea for a robotically operated cat trap to assist in the community cat program. Her idea won and the County is funding \$50,000 to make her idea a reality and build the traps. The robo-traps can be set off remotely to help streamline trapping and assist in trapping of specific cats. Carrie will coordinate with Rebecca Lane to send out the robo-trap entry and video to Committee members.

3.4. Best in State and NACo Awards, Talia Butler, Division Director

- *NACo Achievement Award for Financial Management- FACES Endowment*
- *NACo Achievement Award for Civic Education & Public Information – Advisory Committee*

Talia explained that Animal Services won Best in State for the 15th time and went over the awards we received from the National Association of Counties and the category entries that were submitted.

Carrie will send out the NACo entries with members so they can share with their jurisdiction officials.

3.5. Division Updates, Talia Butler, Division Director

Talia shared a touching email we received from an adopter who adopted a dog from our shelter and how it made his life better (see attached page). Carrie will send out the email for members to read.

Carrie and Talia went over the status on the Animal Care Campus and how the initial survey has been completed and we are expected to receive preliminary results soon so we can use the results to develop a master plan for the campus.

4. MEMBER REPORTS

4.1. Updates from member's jurisdictions that may impact Animal Services.

- Alan Peterson – Kearns – Alan has noticed a decrease in the free roaming rabbit population.
- Grant Crowell – Bluffdale – no updates
- Rita Lund – Millcreek – Rita shared a photo of the pawlitical pets and how the Mayor and council appreciated hearing about the no-kill achievement. Millcreek has also encountered mountain lions in some residential areas.
- Dustin Gettel – Midvale – Upcoming no-kill celebration in early August and Animal Services recently met with code enforcement and city officials. Dustin also updated the committee on their upcoming Harvest Days.
- Carmen Bailey – Salt Lake City – Park Rangers program is fully staffed and are helping to educate the public in keeping dogs on leash. Animal Control Officers have been assisting with park patrols. Carmen would like to schedule another training with them, Carrie will coordinate scheduling training.
- Holly Smith – City of Holladay – Holladay would love to share resources to help increase licensing compliance and asked about the new licensing app. Carrie stated the new application is still in the works and may not be available until later this year. Holly also congratulated Animal Services on our awards and achievements.
Talia went over the benefits of licensing and how it affects our revenue.
- Lt. Brian Wright – Murray – no updates
- Kevin Severson – Copperton – no updates
- Jeff Bossard – Town of Brighton – n/a
- Linda Price – White City – Linda explained they recently had an incident at their 5K with a gentleman and his dog on an electronic collar. Linda suggested we address electronic collars in another meeting. Linda also updated the committee on their upcoming Southeast Township Days.
- Audrey Pierce – Magna – Audrey asked who they should direct formal complaints to and went over a recent complaint that was on their Facebook page. Carrie explained they can send the information to her and she will forward the information to the appropriate department to address the concerns.
- Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon – Gary mentioned that he appreciated the advancement in getting

animals microchipped in the canyon and would like to get training for a volunteer from the canyon to help with the scanners. Carrie explained we would be more than happy to train whomever they'd like.

- Scott Baird – Salt Lake County Mayor – Scott explained that the budget process is underway and we can update everyone on Animal Services' budget in the next meeting.
- Arlyn Bradshaw – Salt Lake County Council – no updates
- Juli Ulvestad – Industry Expert – Juli asked if the redemption rate has improved since covid. Talia explained that the rate hasn't really improved so increasing licensing compliance and microchipping would greatly increase redemptions. She also explained our shelter capacity on dogs is over capacity, so we are getting creative on getting animals back to their owners.

Juli also asked if we have relationships with local emergency veterinary clinics. Talia explained that yes we do have relationships with them and an established protocol on treatment. Carrie explained that if the Humane Society encounters an afterhours, they should call dispatch so an Officer can come get them and follow the protocol with our Vet and the emergency clinics.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Electronic Leashes Discussion**
- **Budget**

ADJOURN

Arlyn Bradshaw motioned, Gary Bowen seconded. All say aye.

Light of my Life thank you email:

"I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the role your shelter played in bringing an extraordinary companion into my life. Cali, my beloved dog, has been the light of my life, and I wanted to take a moment to share the profound impact she has had on me since I adopted her from your shelter.

From the very first moment I laid eyes on Cali, I felt an instant connection. Her playful eyes and wagging tail spoke volumes, and I knew she was meant to be a part of my life. Adopting her from your shelter has proven to be the best decision I have ever made.

Since that day, Cali has filled my life with immeasurable joy, love, and companionship. Her infectious energy and unwavering loyalty have made every day brighter. Whether we were going on long walks, playing fetch in the park, or simply snuggling on the couch, Cali's presence has brought immense happiness and warmth to my heart.

Cali has been more than just a pet; she has become an integral part of my family. Her unconditional love and unwavering devotion have touched my soul in ways I never thought possible. She has been a constant source of comfort, support, and laughter, bringing our household closer together and reminding us of the true meaning of love.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to your shelter for the incredible work you do in rescuing and caring for animals like Cali. Your dedication to providing a safe and nurturing environment for these precious creatures is truly admirable. Without your efforts, I would not have had the privilege of sharing my life with such a remarkable and loving companion.

As I reflect on our journey together, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. Cali has taught me invaluable lessons about compassion, patience, and the beauty of living in the present moment. She has brought immense happiness and purpose to my life, and I am forever grateful for the bond we share.

I cannot thank you enough for entrusting me with the care of Cali. I promise to continue cherishing her and providing her with all the love, care, and happiness she deserves. She is truly a blessing in my life, and I am eternally grateful to your shelter for bringing us together.

May your shelter continue to be a beacon of hope and compassion, touching the lives of countless other animals and individuals. Your commitment to animal welfare is an inspiration, and I am profoundly thankful for the profound impact you have had on both Cali and me.

-Steve
Cali's Dad

P.s.s. woof woof"