

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

DECEMBER 18, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Brooke Scheurich at 6:09 P.M. CST

The Jasper County Animal Control Board met this date. The meeting was held at the Jasper County Health Department, located at 910 Sparling Ave Rensselaer, Indiana. The following Board members were present: Brooke Scheurich, Justin Nesius, Shelly Conely, Tammy Burkett, and Shelter Director Tori Nuest. Also present were Leda Fedor (President of Pound to Pillow Inc.), Katia Fedor (Vice President of Pound to Pillow Inc.), and Rick Burkett (President of Friends of Jasper County Animal Shelter).

November's minutes were read aloud by Justin Nesius. Brooke Scheurich motioned to approve these minutes, Shelly Conley 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved.

Tori stated that there were 3 dogs and 9 cats remaining at the end of October. There were a total of 10 dog and 2 cat intakes during the month of November. 10 dogs were adopted and 2 were reclaimed. 5 cats were adopted and none reclaimed. November's month end remaining remaining animals were 1 dog and 6 cats. Animal Control responded to 13 calls in November. There were 3 dog bite cases and 3 citations written. For the month of November, there were 4 volunteer hours reported. No one signed up for Community Service so there were 0 hours recorded for the month.

OLD BUSINESS: Tori Nuest spoke again about the need for a second phone line to be installed at the Animal Shelter location due to receiving several complaints that their phone lines are always busy during the day. She stated that she plans to get added to the schedule to present speak with the commissioners about the importance of a kennel organizational software system to be implemented.

NEW BUSINESS: Tori stated there was a lot of cleaning that happened throughout November in light of the canine illness that was spreading. It was mentioned that the dog runs are in need of epoxy to maintain their integrity come the new year. Tori Nuest mentioned the need for a new Tamahawk Dog Live Trap. Estimated cost with shipping is \$700. Officer Nuest ordered a new microchip scanner as well as more microchips. The idea was pondered about hosting a low cost microchip program event to raise money for the Shelter. Officer Nuest spoke about the importance of new software systems. Officer Nuest also mentioned how the new software system will update microchip information to ensure the data in chips registered stay up to date. She hopes this system can be implemented as soon as possible per the impending new year to ensure all paperwork is organized. This software system will also help the community become more involved with the Shelter when it comes to auto withdraw monthly donations systems as well as easy access for the public to acquire different documents needed to participate in, but not limited to; adoption paperwork, animal food programs, volunteering. Officer Nuest brought up the importance of having a second phone line installed. It was said that the Shelter cannot operate to its fullest extent when the one and only phone is being used and there are impending calls being made that cannot be answered. President of the Animal Control Board, Brooke, stated the idea of adding a medical

reimbursement fee to be tacked onto the adoption fee. District 3 Shelly Conely had spoken about the different grants that animal shelter may or may not be eligible for. Officer Nuest spoke about a \$2 increased pay for one of the Animal Shelter Employees. Leda Fedor, Vice President Animal Control Board / Pound to Pillow had mentioned that she has been microchipping dogs and cats in the county as well as operating TNR programs throughout the county in the month of November. Pound to Pillow donated a second security camera system. The security system will be installed in the month of December, stated by Leda Fedor.

Brooke Scheurich made the MOTION to ADJOURN the Meeting at 7:29 P.M. December 18, 2023.

No other citizens of Jasper County were in attendance.

The January meeting is set for January 6th at 6:00 P.M. at Health Department 910 Sparling, Rensselaer IN.