

Jasper County Animal Shelter  
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Animal Control Board Meeting Minutes  
FEBRUARY 12th, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Attorney Brooke Scheurich at 6:03 P.M. CST

The Jasper County Animal Control Board met on this date. The meeting was held in the meeting room at the Jasper County Health Department. The following Board members were present: Dr. Jan Mallory, President, Attorney Brooke Scheurich, Tammy Burkett, Leda Fedor, Non Board Member Rick Burkett ( President of Friends of Jasper County Animal Shelter). Jasper County Animal Shelter Director Tori Nuest. There were three Jasper County Residents present in the audience: including Jennifer Grynoviche and Nicole Dixon (Owner of Park Your Paws Dog/Cat Boarding Kennel in Jasper County)

Minutes from the meeting on January 8th 2024 at 6pm were emailed and reviewed. Attorney Brooke Scheurick made a motion to approve these minutes, Leda Fedor 2nd the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

Director Tori Nuest stated that in the month of January there were 16 dogs and 6 cats. 1 dog was returned from adoption. Bringing the total animals for the month to 23. 4 dogs were adopted, 2 cats were adopted, 2 dogs were euthanized on an after hours call out to the residents home. One of these dogs was suffering from life threatening wounds inflicted by the other resident dog. The attacking dog was deemed dangerous from a prior incident and a public threat as he had multiple recorded bites on file with the Jasper County Animal Shelter and the state.

There were 5 dogs reclaimed and 1 cat. 1 cat was transferred to Pound to Pillow Rescue. 1 dog was transferred to LakeShore Paws. This brought the month end animals out to 16.

January 2024, we responded to a total of 26 calls:

6 wellness checks

2 bite cases

we responded to 3 after hours call outs

3 verbal warnings were given

7 citations

For the month of January there were 6 volunteer hours reported. Tori Nuest (Director, Jasper County Animal Shelter) also stated that there were 16 community service hours recorded for this month.

2023 year end stats:

100 cat intakes

150 dog intakes

8 cats were euthanized (From Previous Director )

2 dogs were euthanized (From Previous Director )

2023 Live Release Rate-96%

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The new software system is working great and is streamlining.

All paperwork processes at the shelter.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Tori Nuest stated that in the month of January:

3 cats 1 dog came in either injured /sick or extremely neglected costing the shelter just over \$1000 to treat the animals. She went on to ask if the Friends of Jasper County Animal Shelter would be interested in donating a monthly or bi-monthly monetary amount to help cover the medical treatment expenses such as these. Tammy Burkett replied that this is what the Shelter's Donation fund is for and we need to use it. All the animals that were sick or injured have made full recoveries due to the treatment administered by the Director Tori Nuest, Dr. Janis Mallory and or Dr. Davis's Veterinary Hospital and have been adopted.

Tammy Burkett asked Tori Nuest for updates on the On Call situation and asked Tori Nuest why she is the only officer On Call? Tori replied, "that is because the new job description has not been approved By Human Resources yet." Tori Nuest also mentioned, "the job description revision is being held off until late summer." Tori Nuest then commented, "that it will not work." Leda Fedor commented, "the commissioners already approved the new job descriptions." Attorney Brooke Scheurich commented, "the job descriptions were reviewed and approved so we should be able to move forward." Leda then stated, "she attended a commissioners meeting with Tori Nuest where these revised job descriptions were approved." It was stated the last step is for Jasper County Animal Shelter and Human Resource Employee Holly Eldridge to approve the new job descriptions in Human Resources.

Director Tori Nuest stated that raccoons and mice are getting into the green barn. Director Tori Nuest used steel wool and mouse repellent for the mice. Leda Fedor stated, "she has all the tools and materials including chicken fence to repair the green barn. Leda Fedor stated, "she would provide these materials/tools and help on behalf of Pound to Pillow and make the repairs in the next couple weeks." Rick Burkett, Friends of Jasper County Animal Shelter asked Director Tori Nuest, " if she called a Pest Control Specialist, Tori Nuest responded no." Tammy Burkett commented that we request to be put on the Commissioners Agenda to discuss Pest Control.

Tori Nuest stated, "That she would like to implement a higher medical reimbursement expense to the total expenses when adopting an animal." To further explain, she says, "the consumer will pay an adoption fee as well as a medical reimbursement fee which will be a separate itemization on the receipt, when adopting an animal. She states, "that having the medical

reimbursement will pay back the shelter some of the funds used to treat the animal and make them healthy for adoption.”

Dr. Jan Mallory spoke about the prices at her medical clinic. Leda Fedor and Tammy Burkett thanked Dr. Mallory for her support.

Tori Nuest stated she established a relationship with WorkOne. She went on to explain that WorkOne will offer a kennel staff employee to work the weekends to clean. WorkOne can offer a 3 month trial kennel staff employee that WorkOne will pay for and at the end of the trial full time employment is given. Tori Nuest continued that another full time employment position is not possible but if that person would like to reapply after the trial ended they could offer part time employment if available. Attorney Brooke Scheurich asked Tori to get more information on this WorkOne employment option before Tori Nuest commits to the program.

Tori Nuest asked Rick Burkett, President of the Friends of the Jasper County Animal Shelter if they would be interested in donating funds to purchase a new electric power washer to clean the outside runs. Tori Nuest went on to explain that the current power washer no longer works so the officers have been using the hose to clean the runs.

1 dog did not do well in the shelter environment this past month. This dog was captured in Rensselaer as a stray and the animal was not reclaimed after 5 days. Due to the enormous amount of stress this dog was under at the Shelter it was deemed necessary to relocate the dog to a different rescue and/ or foster. Pound to Pillow, Leda Fedor pulled the dog and relocated it to Lake Shore Paws.

Tori Nuest stated that two dogs that were adopted out from the Jasper County Animal Shelter a year ago were returned in January 2024. These animals have since been adopted out again.

Director, Tori Nuest also stated that she is going to start responding to local ordinance citations, in particular barking dogs (not after hours). She plans to do this to relieve the sheriff's department dog calls.

Tori Nuest thanked the Commissioners for their support/funds used to replace the furnace at the Shelter. Pound to Pillow purchased a new scale for the shelter.

Rick Burkett Friends of Jasper County Animal Shelter purchased a dog trap for the Jasper County Animal Shelter.

3 Jasper County Residents were in attendance for public comment. One of the attendees stood up and offered to donate a dog ramp to the Jasper County Animal Shelter to help assist in getting a larger dog into the Jasper County Animal Control vehicle. Director Tori Nuest accepted the donation. A Jasper County Resident offered to donate blankets and towels.

Tammy Burkett Jasper County Animal Shelter Board Member made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Leda Fedor Jasper County Animal Shelter Board Member 2nd the motion. Attorney Brooke Scheurich witnessed the adjournment and approved it. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Jasper County Animal Shelter, Next meeting is scheduled:

Monday, March 11th, 2024

6pm Central Time

Jasper County Health Department

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