



Arlington Animal Services Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 9/12/07

12:00 Noon

Board Members

- Open, Veterinarian, Place 1
- B.J. Hall, Place 2
- Edna Collin-Harris, Place 3
- Melissa Martin, Place 4
- Jania Villarroel, Place 5
- Jayme Cole, Place 6
- Luis Castillo, Place 7
- Jay Sabatucci, Place 8, Chair
- Mike Bass, Place 9

Staff

Chris Huff

Minutes

Cheri Colbert

Lunch will be provided.



Visitors and Guests

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken	Follow Up
Call to Order Time _____			
Roll Call / Introductions -Jay Sabatucci Diana Smith has resigned. Status of Vet Position?-Mike Bass			

Approval of Minutes from July 17 th - Sabatucci			
Shelter Updates? - Mike Bass Signage-\$20,000 needed – Update? Mike Bass			
Update on Summer Shelter Opening Events (Committee Meeting) – BJ Hall Minutes for Board?			
Committee! Partnership and Community Events Review New Partnerships and Community Events Committee's proposed draft Mission Statement - Luis Committee Report (Telecom event, 9/16/07, Jayme, Edna, Jania)– L. Castillo			
Shelter Donations committee report? – Jayme, Edna			
Proposal to combine various ASC Board committees whose goals are similar or the same-Jayme			
Status of emergency medical for licensed animals that went to budget proposal, Update?- Mike Bass			

<p>Update of status of proposed hiring of veterinarian (in budget, went to City Mgr).Update?- Mike Bass</p>			
<p>Update on Barking Dog Collar Program – Mike Bass</p>			
<p>Update from Board email – J. Sabatucci</p> <p>Two messages sent to board. Answered by Jay and Mike</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request to update website- Mike 2. Request to provide animal ambulance service- Jay 			
<p>Unlawful Restraint of Dogs Act (tethering) and city enforcement (documents emailed) City/State comparison report – Luis Castillo</p>			
<p>Ordinance prohibiting circuses (model ordinances already sent to board) – J. Sabatucci</p> <p>Video and further discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Materials should be reviewed by board 2. Exceptions 			

such as petting zoos 3. Size, reputation 4. Revenue			
Board Goals Report-Luis Castillo			
Update on rescues/adoptions-- Chris Huff			
AAS Calendar Update – Chris Huff Calendar Funding Ideas follow-up – BJ and Chris			
Other Old Business			
New Business?			
Announcements Upcoming Shelter Events?			
Next Meeting Date Thurs, Nov.15, 2007 12:00 Noon			
Adjourn Time _____			
Action Items			



**Arlington Animal Services
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, 7/11/07

12:00 Noon

MINUTES

Board Members

- Diana Smith, Place 1
- B.J. Hall, Place 2
- Edna Collin-Harris, Place 3
- Melissa Martin, Place 4
- Jania Villarroel, Place 5
- Jayme Cole, Place 6
- Luis Castillo, Place 7
- Jay Sabatucci, Place 8, Chair
- Mike Bass, Place 9

Staff

Chris Huff

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Visitors and Guests

Sheri Capehart – City Council Member

Paul Fulks - Presentation

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken	Follow Up
Call to Order Time 1:00 pm			
Roll Call / Introductions/New Members- Jay Sabatucci			
Vet Position?-Mike Bass	Mike will check on the position.		

Approval of Minutes from May 17 th - Sabatucci	Jayme Cole, 1 st Luis Castillo, 2 nd		
Shelter Updates? Opening Feb-Mar 2008? - Mike Bass 1. Paul Fulks , animal artwork	Innovation Sign Group presentation on animal graphics.	\$20,000 needed from donations and private funds.	
Update on Summer Shelter Opening Events (Committee Meeting) – BJ Hall 1. Door prizes, food, freebies?	Events are in the planning stages.	Chris will distribute minutes Shelter Opening Events meeting to all Board Members.	
New Committee Partnership and Community Events Committee – L. Castillo	Partnership with city for events	Send representatives, 3 -4 needed	Jayme, Edna, Jania 9/16/07 Telecom event. Keep up with what we can/can not do.
Donations committee for new shelter – Need Volunteer	Donations Committee	1 st , Jayme 2 nd , Edna	
Status of emergency medical for licensed animals that went to budget proposal-Mike Bass	Animal Service will submit with budget process, \$2 added to license fee.		
Update of status of proposed hiring of veterinarian (in budget, went to City Mgr).-Mike Bass	Distributed informal report to Mayor & Council	Possible increase of adoption fee. This will pay overhead & vet salary.	
Update on Barking Dog Collar Program – Mike Bass	Will add to staff report as a proposal		
Update from Board email – J. Sabatucci	None-No messages		
Unlawful Restraint of Dogs Act (tethering) and city enforcement (documents)	Attached documents. Illegal to chain a dog at night. How long you can	Tethering law effective Sept. 1st	Luis will compare legislation to city draft

emailed) – Mike Bass, Luis Castillo	leave animal chained? Cruelty aspect.		
Ordinance prohibiting circuses (model ordinances already sent to board) – J. Sabatucci	Would like to prohibit from Arlington. Review materials distributed.	Exceptions: such as not including petting zoo. Designate the size	Jay will bring video and research
Board Goals Report-Luis Castillo	Distributed.		
Update on rescues/adoptions (see attached article from Star-Telegram) – Chris Huff	24 hour wait for rescue groups to pull instead of 3 day hold.	Animal Service set goal to adopt 75 cats in cat month, and we adopted out 77	
AAS Calendar Update – Chris Huff	Calendars will be printed in color. B.J. and Chris are working together for sponsorship.	Include coupons from area business, and vets. Pictures on the website. Add 2-3 sentences under pictures.	
Other Old Business			
New Business?	Send decal info to Jay.		
Announcements Upcoming Shelter Events?			
Next Meeting Date Wed, Sept.12, 2007 12:00 Noon Conflict with Nov. 14 th meeting - TACA (OK to move to Thurs. or Fri?)	November meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007		
Adjourn Time -1:46 pm	Luis Castillo, 1 st Jayme Cole, 2 nd		

AN ACT

relating to the unlawful restraint of dogs; providing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 821, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT OF DOG

Sec. 821.076. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Collar" means any collar constructed of nylon, leather, or similar material, specifically designed to be used for a dog.

(2) "Owner" means a person who owns or has custody or control of a dog.

(3) "Properly fitted" means, with respect to a collar, a collar that measures the circumference of a dog's neck plus at least one inch.

(4) "Restraint" means a chain, rope, tether, leash, cable, or other device that attaches a dog to a stationary object or trolley system.

Sec. 821.077. UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT OF DOG. (a) An owner may not leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement:

(1) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.;

(2) within 500 feet of the premises of a school; or

(3) in the case of extreme weather conditions, including conditions in which:

(A) the actual or effective outdoor temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit;

(B) a heat advisory has been issued by a local or state authority or jurisdiction; or

(C) a hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning has been issued for the jurisdiction by the National Weather Service.

(b) In this section, a restraint unreasonably limits a dog's movement if the restraint:

(1) uses a collar that is pinch-type, prong-type, or choke-type or that is not properly fitted to the dog;

(2) is a length shorter than the greater of:

(A) five times the length of the dog, as measured from the tip of the dog's nose to the base of the dog's tail; or

(B) 10 feet;

(3) is in an unsafe condition; or

(4) causes injury to the dog.

Sec. 821.078. EXCEPTIONS. Section 821.077 does not apply to:

(1) a dog restrained to a running line, pulley, or trolley system and that is not restrained to the running line, pulley, or trolley system by means of a pinch-type, prong-type, choke-type, or improperly fitted collar;

(2) a dog restrained in compliance with the requirements of a camping or recreational area as defined by a federal, state, or local authority or jurisdiction;

(3) a dog restrained for a reasonable period, not to exceed three hours in a 24-hour period, and no longer than is necessary for the owner to complete a temporary task that requires the dog to be restrained;

(4) a dog restrained while the owner is engaged in, or actively training for, an activity that is conducted pursuant to a valid license issued by this state if the activity for which the license is issued is associated with the use or presence of a dog;

(5) a dog restrained while the owner is engaged in conduct directly related to the business of shepherding or herding cattle or livestock; or

(6) a dog restrained while the owner is engaged in conduct directly related to the business of cultivating agricultural products, if the restraint is reasonably necessary for the safety of the dog.

Sec. 821.079. PENALTY. (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates this subchapter.

(b) A peace officer or animal control officer who has probable cause to believe that an owner is violating this subchapter shall provide the owner with a written statement of that fact. The statement must be signed by the officer and plainly state the date on which and the time at which the statement is provided to the owner.

(c) A person commits an offense if the person is provided a statement described by Subsection (b) and fails to comply with this subchapter within 24 hours of the time the owner is provided the statement. An offense under this subsection is a **Class C misdemeanor**.

(d) A person commits an offense if the person violates this subchapter and previously has been convicted of an offense under this subchapter. An offense under this subsection is a Class B misdemeanor.

(e) If a person fails to comply with this subchapter with respect to more than one dog, the person's conduct with respect to **each dog constitutes a separate offense**.

(f) If conduct constituting an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under any other law, the actor may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

Sec. 821.080. DISPOSITION OF PENALTY. Notwithstanding any other law, the clerk of a court that collects a penalty under this subchapter shall remit the penalty collected for deposit in the general fund of the county.

Sec. 821.081. HAND-HELD LEASHES. This subchapter does not prohibit a person from walking a dog with a hand-held leash.

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2007.

(b) An offense committed before September 1, 2007, is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before September 1, 2007, if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.