



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement, Multipurpose Room Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

ITEM 1 – Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair at 7:04 pm.

ITEM 2 – Roll Call

Members:

Present – Sue Brodasky (Chair), Danielle Gray (Vice Chair), Aaron Winters, Samantha Cree, Kelly Doyle, Dr. Turnera Croom DVM, Katie Timber

Absent – Commissioner Roger Tuinier, Robert Cinabro

KCASE Staff:

Steve Lawrence, Jennifer McGinnis

County Staff:

Lisa Henthorn (Admin.)

ITEM 3 – Approval of Agenda

Motion made by S. Cree to approve agenda; seconded by D. Gray. Motion carried; all ayes.

ITEM 4 – Approval of Minutes

Motion made by D. Gray to approve minutes from meeting on December 10th, 2019; seconded by K. Doyle. Motion carried; 4 ayes, 2 abstentions.

ITEM 5 – Public Comment Time

No comments.

ITEM 6 – Commissioner's Time

No Commissioners present.

ITEM 7 – For Consideration:

A. Election of Officers

New term; board must elect officers to fill the roles of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. S. Brodasky solicited nominations. S. Cree nominated S. Brodasky to retain Chair position; S. Brodasky accepted nomination. D. Gray nominated S. Cree for the position of Vice Chair; S. Cree accepted nomination. No further nominations or discussion.

MOTION: D. Gray made motion to approve nominations; A. Winters seconded. Carried unanimously.

B. 2020 Meeting Schedule

Throughout the building construction process, board has been meeting monthly; Chair doesn't see the need to continue a monthly schedule, but is open to discussion. S. Cree

suggested quarterly. K. Timber prefers bi-monthly; K. Doyle concurs. Chair agreed that it may be beneficial to meet every other month in order to stay on task – especially with the recent creation of subcommittees.

Next meeting will be scheduled for March. S. Lawrence shared that he will not be available for the March meeting. D. Gray suggested that the new Shelter Operations Coordinator fill in; S. Lawrence is open to the idea and will check with her. K. Doyle wondered if some months may be more beneficial to the shelter and recommended that S. Lawrence review where they fall; he stated that he doesn't foresee any issues, but that he will look into it.

C. Subcommittee Updates

To solve spay/neuter scheduling difficulties, S. Lawrence shared that the shelter has begun collecting spay/neuter deposits for unaltered animals as a portion of the adoption fee. The deposit will be reimbursed once proof of spay/neuter and veterinary payment is received. T. Croom wishes that she could help out with spay/neuter surgeries, but she's unable to do so. S. Brodasky expressed appreciation and thanks to T. Croom – her recent assistance with shelter rabies vaccines has been very helpful.

As a follow-up to K. Timber, S. Lawrence shared that he has been working on finalizing transfer fees, which are more complex than originally perceived, and will divulge those fees with K. Timber and other rescues once completed.

In regards to education, S. Cree has met up with D. Gray since the last meeting and has established several leads, including: a local veterinarian, the Kalamazoo City police, the American Kennel Club and 4H. So far, she has received good feedback and everyone has been very receptive. S. Cree is hopeful that S.O.S. would be willing to get involved with pitbull education and/or bathing instruction. She is also hopeful that an animal control officer could head the topics of leash laws, dogs in cars and hoarding. L. Henthorn expressed kudos to the group – community outreach/education really aligns with County ideals and she applauds the board for not letting the initiative fall through the cracks.

D. Director Report – S. Lawrence

S. Lawrence passed out year-end shelter stats (Appendix A). Following the trend of previous years, intake numbers once again dropped. Even though adoption percentages fell, the actual number of adopted animals increased. Since the opening of the new facility, cat and dog adoptions have drastically spiked. Furthermore, the animals appear to have been maintaining a better state of health while housed at the shelter; this is attributed to a lower level of stress, better air quality and improved cleaning practices. For improved transparency, K. Timber questioned if S. Lawrence could add general descriptions to his Unadoptable, Treatable and Adoptable categories; he stated that he will do so.

In other shelter news, the exterior wall on the front entrance has been repaired. Fencing is still being finalized, as is one additional exterior animal silhouette. The dog food/water bowls mounted to the caging have already taken a beating; the addition of automatic waterers is being explored. S. Lawrence is hopeful that online licensing will be up and running by March 1st.

ITEM 7 – Other

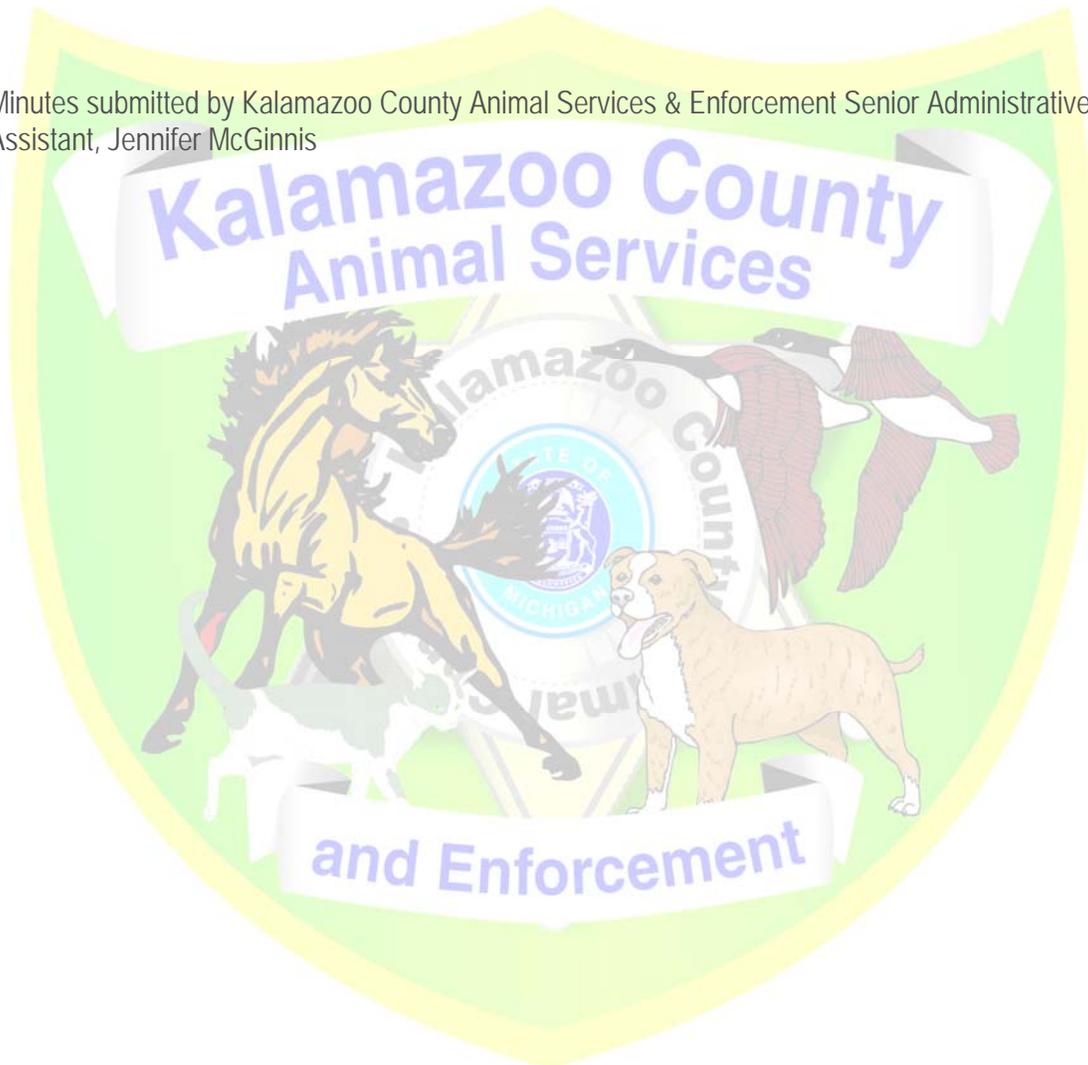
K. Doyle has been working with local judges and State Representative Jon Hoadley to address the lengthy housing of court case dogs. She'll be contacting S. Lawrence for a meeting; R. Cinabro will also be in attendance.

ITEM 8 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair at 7:55 pm.

APPENDIX A – “Animal Services & Enforcement Shelter Statistics, 31-Dec-19” Handout”

Minutes submitted by Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement Senior Administrative Assistant, Jennifer McGinnis





ANIMAL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT SHELTER STATISTICS

MONTH:
31-Dec-19

	2018			%	2019			%
DOGS								
ADOPTED			297	30%			347	36%
REDEEMED			459	46%			400	42%
TRANSFERRED			109	11%			62	6%
EUTHANIZED	103 6 14		123	12%	134 7 12		153	16%
TOTALS	988				962			
CATS								
ADOPTED			238	21%			265	25%
REDEEMED			64	6%			41	4%
TRANSFERRED			415	37%			330	31%
EUTHANIZED	282 89 28		399	36%	263 110 57		430	40%
TOTALS	1116				1066			
OTHER								
ADOPTED			29	69%			43	88%
REDEEMED			4	10%			1	2%
TRANSFERRED			5	12%			2	4%
EUTHANIZED	4 0 0		4	10%	3 0 0		3	6%
TOTALS	42				49			
TOTAL STRAYS	2146				2077			
% SAVED	75%				72%			
% Adoptable Saved	94%				91%			

UNADOPTABLE

TREATABLE

ADOPTABLE