

MINUTES

On January 11, 2023, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council meeting room located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Ave to discuss the agenda. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Secretary’s Office. Charlie Sanchez, filling in for Chairman Eddy Sauer, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:09 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Alexa Ybarra	Yes	1	1
Charlie Sanchez	Yes	12	11
Eddy Sauer	No	13	11
David Martinez	Yes	04	04
Bethany Schilling	Yes	05	05

Also, in attendance:

Victoria Medley	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kris Shaffer	Assistant Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Bryan McWilliams	City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Laura Storrs	Assistant City Manager
Ty Vernon	Field Service Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Brandi Bullock	Shelter Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Madison Bradshaw	Rescue Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Aaron Tudyk	Outreach Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Margie Gonzalez	Administrative Specialist

ITEM 1: Public Comment: Citizen Jeffery McKungle spoke about loose dogs.

ITEM 2: Minutes. The motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting, on September 28, 2022, was presented. The motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 3: AMW Activity Report PowerPoint

A. Assistant Director Kristopher Shaffer spoke about the intake and outcome numbers for all of 2022. AMW took in over 9000 animals. 8914 were dogs and cats while the remaining were livestock and wildlife. Our intake increased by 12%. We had a 47% increase in adoptions. As for field stats, we had 19,883 calls for service answered in 2022.

B. Staff Update: We had some new additions as well as internal promotions. Former animal care workers Jonah Dietz and Sterlin Lash were promoted to intake specialists. Elias Graham was hired as a part-time animal care worker. We also hired Elizabeth Garcia and Mykayla Hunter as full-time animal care workers. Aaron Tudyk, the former adoption coordinator, has been promoted to Outreach Manager, and Glory-Anne Bostock was promoted from adoption specialist to adoption Coordinator. Rescue Specialist Madison Bradshaw was promoted to Rescue Manager. AMO Trainees David Reagan, Cody Holman, Alex Chase, and Kalob Ratliff, and rehire Jesse Capps all passed the Texas Animal Control Officer Basic Training and were promoted to AMO I. Lastly, Field Officer Dylan Pense was promoted to Field Supervisor. We also mentioned that Field Manager Ty Vernon has been certified by the state as a Euthanasia Training Course Instructor. We have a position available for Rescue Specialist, Adoption Specialist, and Vet Tech.

C. Rescue Program Update: With Madison leading the way we now have a total of seven official rescue partners in Amarillo, one in Canyon, Bullard, Burleson, Vermont, Colorado, and two in Dallas. We had 20 puppies and one adult sent to Operation Kindness in Dallas on December 28th. In September Best Friends had an Incentive Program with a total of \$3000 where they gave out \$125 for dogs over 50 lbs., \$150 for long-stay pets, and \$200 for each pet requiring a veterinary follow-up.

D. Community Outreach Update: On September 10th we attended the State of the City with some

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of our shelter dogs and 5 of them were adopted. The month of October was the Return to Home Challenge where we implanted 809 microchips for free. For December we did “Home for the Holidays” where we reduced our prices. \$25 for adult dogs, \$10 for puppies, and \$5 for cats. December 12th, we hosted 70 first graders along with parents and teachers from Amarillo Collegiate Academy. They spent the afternoon touring the facility, walking dogs, and reading to puppies. We continue with our weekly media spots with KAMR sponsored by Carpet Tech, Wet Nose Wednesday with the Eagle, and ABC Channel 7 sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus. Pet Supplies Plus also donated \$3500 for the purchase of newly designed Adoption folders. Cinergy donated 2 family four-packs to use as prizes for our departmental contest.

E. Community Outreach Veterinary Partners Update: AM&W has provided 20 dogs to TTSVM for the duration of the upcoming semester. The dogs (21 total) sent last semester were all adopted out by TTSVM at the end of their stay at an adoption event hosted by the school. 17 of their resident cats were also adopted out. During the month of October, 63 dogs were neutered by Texas Tech School of Veterinary Medicine students over the course of three weeks. We also sent 13 dogs from November 21st through the 23rd for examinations. Amtech Animal Science Program has had six interns at AM&W for the fall semester.

Item 4: Identify Future Agenda Items.

Item 5: Set Schedule for Next Advisory Board Meeting. Next Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 5, 2023, at 5 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

ATTEST:

Eddy Sauer,
AM&W Advisory Board Chairperson

Margie Gonzalez,
Administrative Specialist II, AM&W