PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING

Animal Welfare Board
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
7:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL

Glacier Conference Room
Room 2404

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMENT

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

4. REPORTS
   a. EPD Animal Activity Report
   b. Evanston Animal Shelter Association Report

5. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION
   a. Evanston Animal Shelter Association Agreements
   b. Tails in Bloom Fundraiser Results

6. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2019

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MEETING MINUTES
Board of Animal Control
Wednesday
January 9, 2019
7:00 pm
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Rm 2404

Members Present: Chair Meredith Rives, Vice Chair Kristy Bachmann, Vicky Pasenko, Dawn Davis-Zeinemann, Ruth Ann Hladish, Ald. Peter Braithwaite

Staff Present: Administrative Lead Michelle Smith

Others Present: Shane Cary, COE Public Works

Presiding Member: Chair Meredith Rives

CALL TO ORDER
After a quorum was recognized, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
The minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting were motioned for approval by Ald. Braithwaite and seconded by Vice Chair Bachmann with a voice vote taken, and were approved with the addition of the word “role” after the word “his” in the Introduction section.

REPORTS
Staff Smith showed the Animal Activity Report and the EASA stats on the projector. Regarding the EASA Report, Chair Rives was concerned about any out of the ordinary events that were reported at the shelter and wants to include in the shelter reports for the events that are considered founded, the nature of the incident regarding the welfare of the animal. Vice Chair Bachmann mentioned an abandoned home that may have abandoned animals, adding the police/shelter connection is important. Ald. Braithwaite added we will supply the report before the meeting in the packet with necessary redactions. Some current challenges are space for the animals and getting the animals adopted. Total of 2018 adoptions and number of fosters were reiterated.
Tails in Bloom Gala will be April 6th at the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation facility.

Of note concerning the budget, Marmalade won the cat contest and will get free food for life and the shelter will get 500 pounds of free food.

Security for animal safety – Chair suggested the City should consider the “Ring” and Shane may be able to assist with installing it. Shane inquired if this would be part of the 2020 capital budget or if the shelter would assume the cost.

BUSINESS/DISCUSSION
Regarding the budget, Ald. Braithwaite would like copies of the shelter budget from both EASA and COE. He suggested the Animal Welfare Board work to become a stand-alone committee. Vicky Pasenko recommended providing the shelter’s true expenses which includes the shelter’s contribution to the budget. She will forward to Smith.

Shane Cary shared they visited a number of larger animal shelter organizations – including Chicago Animal Care & Control and Anti Cruelty Society- and learned useful information for the Evanston animal shelter that we would either apply or not apply to our shelter. One bit of information learned is that separation by species is not necessary for our shelter. Chair Rives added, space for a dog walk for enrichment is critical, also adding our average stay of 3-5 days, and our need for a medical “suite” are factors in future decisions, as well as building material, equipment quality, and room sizes. Chair summed the visits were informative.

Vicky Pasenko suggested hosting a town hall meeting for animal information and is willing to speak at Ward meetings and present to (Aldermen) the community services offered at the shelter. She also discussed was submitting an annual report to include community-facing activities and the City’s and EASA’s budgets for the animal shelter.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair did not take place as Ald. Braithwaite is awaiting a decision from the Rules Committee regarding possible changes to the City’s Boards, Commissions and Committees guidelines.

NEXT MEETING
April 10, 2019

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Smith,
Administrative Lead
Evanston Police Department
To: Michelle Smith

From: Animal Warden Jason Pounds #55

Subject: 2019 First Quarter

Date: April 5, 2019

All Animal Complaints Dispatched 91

Number of Citations Issued 15

Overtime Calls 0

311 Calls 86

Wilmette Calls 13

Animal Warden Jason Pounds #55
### EVANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER INTAKE AND OUTCOME STATISTICS FOR 2016 THROUGH 2018

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**Euthanasia Total 2016**
- Cats euthanized for medical reasons: 7
- Dogs euthanized for medical reasons: 4
- Dogs euthanized for behavioral issues: 2

**Euthanasia Total 2017**
- Cats euthanized for medical reasons: 7
- Dogs euthanized for medical reasons: 4
- Dogs euthanized for behavioral issues: 4

**Euthanasia Total 2018**
- Cats euthanized for medical reasons: 6
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- Dogs euthanized for behavioral issues: 4

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Activity Highlights

The Tails in Bloom Gala was last Saturday. Previous year donations were 60K. Numbers are still being finalized but right now we are at 76K – a 30% increase year over year.

We continue to grow our base of partners. We recently joined Best Friends and Bissell Partners for Pets.

Best Friends is forming a Chicagoland Lifesaving Coalition and I was invited to be part of the Coalition Steering Committee. I attended the kick off meeting last week.

Bissell Partners for Pets is hosting an Empty the Shelters event on May 4. The adoption fee for all animals will be $25 and Bissell will pay $100 toward adoption fee for each adopted dog and $75 for each cat.

We have tentatively scheduled our annual More Than a Shelter Clinic for May 18. This is where we provide free rabies vaccinations and microchips for dogs and cats in the community. We are waiting for confirmation from the veterinarians and will then start to publicize.

At the gala we announced the launch of a new program called Senior Safety Net. We are working with our veterinary partners to help seniors keep their pets. We will pay up to $500 per pet, two pets per household for people 63 and above who need financial assistance for a non catastrophic illness. We accept referrals from the vet partners or people can contact us directly. Aldermen may be interested in this program for their constituents. We received $2500 of funding at the gala via the paddle raise.

We are participating in the Evanston Craft Crawl on May 16. We will have adoptable animals at Evanston Animal Hospital. We also applied to be the recipient of the proceeds and if we are chose will use that money to fund the Senior Safety Net program as well.
The Evanston Animal Shelter is a small but mighty open admission community shelter. With a core of 175 volunteers, we provide compassionate care for all the abandoned, abused and relinquished animals that come through our door.

1,078 Pets Adopted!

649 Animals Placed in Foster Homes

More than 1,800 Days of Custodial Care for 34 Animals

More than 97% Save Rate

Nearly 70% of Expenses Cover Medical Bills and Training Costs

We provide temporary care, free of charge for beloved pets when owners fall on hard times.

The percentage of animals leaving our shelter alive is well above the national standard of 90% for a shelter to be considered NO KILL.

Our commitment to health, well-being and rehabilitation, essential for our animals to find their forever homes.

Numbers reflect 2016-2018 totals.

2310 Oakton Street Evanston, IL 60202
847.866.5082 EASadoptions@gmail.com

evanstonanimalshelter.net
The renewal of the contract between the City of Evanston and the Evanston Animal Shelter Association (EASA) is the perfect opportunity to define the Evanston Animal Shelter charter, provide historical context for the newer members of the City Council, and highlight some of the many accomplishments achieved at the shelter.

EVANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER CHARTER

The Evanston Animal Shelter is an open admission, city shelter which takes in all the abandoned, abused and surrendered animals from the Evanston community regardless of age, medical condition and temperament.

HISTORY

In May of 2014, CARE – the previous volunteer animal organization (VAO) operating the shelter– was asked to leave after protracted negotiations with the City failed to reach an agreement that would facilitate their continued involvement. The high euthanasia rate for dogs was the centerpiece of the issues, however the dissemination of more than $1.4M also became a factor. In the end CARE left the shelter, but was allowed to retain the funds.

From May 2014 through May 2015 the City operated the shelter with the assistance of several key volunteers, including many current EASA Board Members. During that year the City, with the help of the Animal Welfare Board, issued an RFP for a new VAO. After a thorough vetting of organizations that responded to the RFP and presentations to the Human Services Committee and the City Council, the Evanston Animal Shelter Association was selected. A contract and a payroll grant were executed on June 1, 2015 and renewed for a 2-year period in April of 2017. The contract and payroll grant are set for renewal by the end of May 2019. It’s important to note that prior to these agreements, the City had employed three individuals at the shelter, a Chief Animal Warden, an Animal Warden and a Kennel Assistant. The payroll grant allowed the City to eliminate two city positions as a cost savings measure.

EVANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER MISSION

Upon taking over operation of the shelter, EASA created the shelter’s mission to serve as a guide for its path forward.

The Evanston Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is committed to providing compassionate and humane care for Evanston’s abandoned, abused and relinquished animals and to find them homes through rehabilitation, foster care, adoption, and rescue organizations. We aim to further serve the community as a proactive resource for education, counseling and support.

EVANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER SAVE RATE

From the beginning one of EASA’s goals was to reduce the euthanasia rate by providing the best chance possible for every animal that comes through the shelter doors. EASA is incredibly proud of its Save Rate of 97%.

Given the limited capacity of the shelter building, 24 dogs and optimally 35 cats, EASA has developed an extensive network of Foster Families. Fosters provide loving homes and care for a period of time while all expenses are covered by EASA. In particular animals with short-term medical conditions, animals that require constant care such as kittens that need 24/7 bottle feeding and those that simply do not adjust well to the shelter environment are placed in foster homes. At its high point, we have had as many as 150 animals in foster homes. EASA’s foster network has helped contribute to the shelter’s 97% save rate.

Please see the attached chart for Intake and Outcome details for the years 2016 – 2018.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

While animals under its care are EASA’s primary priority, it has a broader focus as well. EASA likes to say that we are, “More Than A Shelter,” because we have created a number of special programs to serve the community.
Custodial Program: Sometimes people face a short term housing crisis. This may be the result of a domestic violence situation, a foreclosure, a job loss or an extended hospital stay. In the past, these families would have been forced to surrender their beloved pets, but our Custodial Program offers families the option to leave their pets in our care for up to six weeks while they have the opportunity to get back on their feet and have their pets returned to them. While the animals are at the shelter their vaccinations are brought up to date, they are spayed or neutered and we address any medical conditions they might have – **free of charge**. Over the past three years we have provided 1,800 days of custodial care to 34 animals under this program. Fair market value for this service would run more than $72,000.

More Than A Shelter Clinic: Over the past three years EASA has taken in nearly 1,000 stray dogs and cats. The ideal outcome is for these animals to be returned to their homes. The best and quickest way to facilitate this is for the animals to be microchipped. In 2017 we hosted a free microchipping event where we chipped 34 cats and dogs. In 2018 we partnered with Companion Animal Hospital to include free rabies vaccinations, a State of Illinois law for all domestic pets. During our 2018 event 48 animals received a microchip and 75 received a rabies vaccination. We are proud to host the annual More Than A Shelter Clinic as a service to the community.

High School Students, Junior Volunteer Program and Rescue Reader Program: EASA believes that the inclusion of young people is valuable to building self confidence, developing empathy for shelter animals and creating a pipeline of future volunteers. EASA welcomes high school students to volunteer as a way to broaden themselves as individuals, give back to the community and fulfill service requirements. There are currently more than **two dozen ETHS students** volunteering on regular shifts at the shelter. Our Junior Volunteer Program takes place from April through September. The program leader holds a monthly event for children ages 8 through 12. Because of space considerations the events are often held offsite and include things such as a demonstration by the Evanston K9 officer, a presentation by the Evanston Animal Control Officer, and a discussion about training service animals. The Rescue Reader Program allows children ages 4 and up, along with a parent or guardian, to come to the shelter and read to an animal. It’s a fun way to sharpen reading skills while interacting with shelter animals.

Forever Foster Program: Our Forever Foster Program recognizes that senior animals or animals with special medical needs are difficult to adopt because of the concern for future medical costs. EASA eliminates that concern by agreeing to pay for medical expenses for the life of the animal. We have found senior citizens and graduate students provide amazing forever foster homes. The animals win because they have the chance to live the remainder of their lives in loving homes. The fosters win because they are able to enjoy the love of an animal they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Pet Food Bank: EASA is blessed to be the recipient of broad community support, including donations of food. Often people buy food for their picky eaters and bring us the food their animals refuse to eat. Sometimes people have lost their animal and have food left over that they don’t want to be wasted. Whatever the reason, we take this donated food and pay it forward by providing a Food Bank for those who need help feeding their animals. We are all better served any time we can provide assistance that keeps an animal in a loving home rather than having it surrendered to the shelter for lack of resources.

Senior Safety Net Program: EASA is planning to launch a new program in April 2019. The Senior Safety Net Program will address a growing need to provide assistance to seniors on a fixed income. We know that seniors often struggle with the cost of medical care for their companions. Something as simple as an ear infection, eye infection or the need for thyroid medication can stretch their budget beyond their means. This new program will cover veterinary and medical costs up to $500 per year for up to two animals per household for individuals 63 years and older. Seniors shouldn’t have to watch their animal suffer or choose between medical care for their beloved pet or putting food on their table.

**VOLUNTEERS**

EASA is fortunate to have a steady stream of volunteers without any active recruitment activities. Potential volunteers are first asked to watch a video on the shelter website. The video provides details about age requirements, shift schedules and other relevant information. Once potential volunteers have viewed the video they sign up for an
orientation session followed by canine or feline hands-on training and then start on their selected shifts. EASA currently has 175+ volunteers who care for the animals, maintain the cleanliness of the shelter and help with special events.

The Evanston Animal Shelter Association was formed for the sole purpose of supporting the Evanston Animal Shelter and the Evanston Community. We look forward to renewing our contract with the City of Evanston and continuing to support the animals and the community.

Attachments:

Evanston Animal Shelter Intake and Outcome Statistics
EASA Financial Summary
Promotional Flyer with Additional Key Shelter Metrics