

City of Rowlett
Regular Meeting
Animal Shelter Advisory Board
Tuesday September 27, 2016
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas 75088

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to order.
Trey Scott called to order the regular meeting of the Rowlett Animal Shelter Advisory Board at 7:34 pm on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. The following members were present: Trey Scott, Deana Seigler, Dawna Carabajal and Dr. Lori McKelroy. Alternate member present: LaQueata Brown. Absent members: Leslie Williams. City Staff present were: David Erickson, Maria Martinez, Sgt. Kevin Harrelson, Lt. Marvin Gibbs, and Jackie Lozada.
- II. Consider approving minutes from May 10, 2016 meeting.
The Minutes from May 10, 2016 meeting were passed out and board members were given time to review them. The Chairperson, Trey Scott, opened the floor for comments or questions. Deana Seigler made a correction to minutes. Dr. McKelroy made a motion to approve minutes with changes indicated. Seconded by Dawna Carabajal. Motion passed.
- III. Consider approving the minutes from July 19, 2016 City council joint meeting.
The Minutes from July 19, 2016 meeting were passed out and board members were given time to review them. The Chairperson, Trey Scott, opened the floor for comments or questions. Maria Martinez made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Dawna Carabajal. Motion passed.
- IV. Update from Staff on Shelter Stats.
Maria Martinez presented the shelter stats to the board (Attachment 1). Maria added Died at the Shelter line to bottom of stats. Placement Rate jumped up to 97% due to large August numbers and Live Release Rate remains at 99%.
- V. Update and discussion from Friends of Rowlett Animals (FRAs) from offsite adoption events.
Dawna Carabajal reported three (3) events in May with one (1) adoption; three (3) events in June with three (3) adoptions; three (3) in July with three (3) adoptions; one (1) event in August with two (2) adoptions; and two (2) events in September with two (2) adoptions. Total is twelve (12) events with eleven (11) adoptions.
- VI. Discuss proposed amendment to the City's barking dog ordinances and/or polices.
Lt. Gibbs reported that we are on the Council Agenda for November. The Ordinance will read:
Sec. 6-7. Animal nuisance.
(a) *Noise.* A person commits an offense if he knowingly or recklessly harbors an animal that unreasonably barks, howls, crows or makes other unreasonably loud or persistent noise near a private residence that disturbs the peace and quiet of a person of ordinary sensibilities. If the noise lasts for a period of at least 15 minutes, even if the noise is

sporadic within the 15 minute period, such shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this provision and that the same constitutes a nuisance.

Fines remain the same.

VII. Update from Staff on Animal Shelter Disaster Preparedness Plan.

Maria Martinez has been working on the plan that will be added to Policy Manual. The plan details the plan of action should a disaster strike including: assembling the team, recruiting and coordinating volunteers, establishing public information, list of overflow contacts (these lists will be updated quarterly), safety issues, city resources, holding periods (Rowlett is 10 days), donations, etc.

Board members made suggestions which Maria will change. Final document will be brought to next meeting for Board's approval.

VIII. Discussion of proposed shelter tours and update on shelters visited.

Lt. Gibbs will bring assignments for shelter visits to Board at next meeting. Cities to include: Irving, DFW, Grand Prairie. Newer shelters will be the focus of visits.

IX. New Business.

No new business

X. Public Announcement

October 29th – First Christian Church spooktacular event 12-4 with Shelter dogs

October 4th – National Night Out

FRAS is now rescuing cats

Next ASAB meeting is November 8, 2016.

XI. Future Agenda Topics

Update from staff on shelter stats

Update on Disaster Preparedness Plan

Update on barking dog ordinance

Update on Owner Surrender

Shelter Tours

XII. Adjournment

The Chair called for a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by Deana Seigler and seconded by David Erickson. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.


Trey Scott, Chairperson


Jackie Lozada, Assigned City Staff

11/8/2016
Date Approved

City of Rowlett

Animal Services

Yearly Report

10/01/2015 - 09/30/2016

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total YTD
Service Calls	302	210	212	191	231	281	289	303	229	209	217		2674
Live Pickups	120	106	144	123	90	126	146	138	146	101	134		1374
Animals Euthanized	3	1	3	0	3	1	1	4	1	2	1		20
Animals Redeemed	44	34	51	78	43	43	50	50	49	44	115		601
Humane Adoptions	54	26	57	39	39	60	53	59	64	55	59		565
Transferred/Rescued	18	26	17	23	11	12	8	15	11	8	23		172
Rescued	NT	NT	NT	NT	6	3	5	10	5	4	21		54
Transferred	NT	NT	NT	NT	5	9	3	5	6	4	2		34
Died at Shelter	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	1	11	7	9	1		29

Placement Rate 97%

Live Release Rate 99%

NT = not tracked

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE I ("IN GENERAL") OF CHAPTER 6 ("ANIMALS") TO AMEND SUBPART (a) OF SECTION 6-7 BY REVISING PROVISIONS RELATING TO ANIMAL NUISANCES; TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII ("IMPOUNDMENT") OF CHAPTER 6 ("ANIMALS") BY AMENDING SECTION 6-276 RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rowlett, Texas, hereby finds and determines that the ownership of animals presumes a responsibility to the animal and to the citizens of the City; and,

WHEREAS, many pet owners keep or maintain their animals in an outdoor environment in often densely occupied residential subdivisions and fail to prevent their animals from creating excessive noise; and

WHEREAS, a balance must be made between the rights of pet owners and the competing rights of nearby residents in residential areas to enjoy the quiet and comfort of their own homes; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Rowlett to minimize exposure of citizens to the physiological harm and discomfort of excessive noise and to protect, promote and preserve the public peace, health, comfort, convenience, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, recent case law suggests that the absence of clear provisions dealing with the forfeiture of ownership rights of pet owners who have abandoned their pets in animal shelters may give rise to claims against municipalities and animal shelters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances, City of Rowlett, Texas, be and is hereby amended by amending subsection (a) of Section 6-7 of Article I, "In General," of Chapter 6, "Animals," by amending noise prohibitions, without amendment, repeal or change to any other subsection, part or provision of Section 6-7, such that subsection (a) of Section 6-7 shall henceforth read in its entirety as follows:

"CHAPTER 6. ANIMALS

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

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Sec. 6-7. Animal nuisance.

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