

September 2, 2015

WACAB minutes

Board Members present: Stephanie Fisk McCurdy, Teresa Burks, Sarah Guengerich, John Stevens, Judy Handley, Chris Hageman.

City of Wichita: Lt. Steve Kenney, Dennis Graves, Jan Jarman, Drew Bessey.

Call to order by Stephanie Fisk McCurdy at 4:00 pm.

1. Minutes approved for 8/5, 5-0.
2. Sarah suggested strike "abandoned cat," add definitions for feral cat, community cat caregiver, community cat colony, and modify owner to state "excepting community cat colony managers."

Stephanie stated suggestions discussed will be revisited at the next meeting after WAS staff has been able to review the material.

Teresa suggested change to dog breeder definition. She would like to modify the section that owning two female dogs be considered breeder, ie conformation shows. She would like to strike "a person who owns two or more female dogs" from the definition.

Judy suggested correct under neighbor definition to read "200 feet."

3. Sarah and Judy suggest strike 6.04.025 and provided handout with recommendations for replacement ordinances. Discussed should there be a limit on feral cats in a colony. This is something that the public group has asked not to include so more input is needed from the public. Also food should not be left out indefinitely due to wildlife. We also indicated support for a fee to reclaim colony cats.

4. Section 6.04.040- Teresa suggested that sterilization should not be required for animals running at large due to several examples where dogs could accidentally escape from their house (b, 4). She also recommended removing "twice in a lifetime" before required sterilization (c). Teresa also recommended a definition for "surgical sterilization." Teresa stated e, 6 and 7, are redundant. Teresa recommended a terminology correction to e, 11 from poisonous to venomous.

5. Section 6.04.046- This also uses the term surgical sterilization in "d".

6. Section 6.04.047- Stephanie recommended adding that the dog owner should pay for the dangerous dog sign.

7. Standard fees handout-

Teresa stated that cremation fee out of city limits was an average of \$20. At WAS it is a "no charge" service to the community. At KHS, \$45 is suggested for no ashes returned cremations. Teresa suggested a \$20 flat fee for veterinary hospitals to pay per animal. Lt. Kenney suggested \$25 based on previous

research in the Kansas City area. Dennis recommended a per animal charge rather than a per pickup fee. It was also discussed to continue to allow contract veterinarians to have no charge for animal disposal.

Stephanie brought up the redemption fee. The fee was stated to be insufficient to cover the cost of the animal's care. Dennis would like to have a set fee for the second and third class cities rather than tiers as it is now. Stephanie asked if \$45 is sufficient. Lt. Kenney said the WAS representatives would get together and discuss the fees and make recommendations later. He also mentioned a "good will program" where a vaccinated, altered, and licensed animal would have one uncharged redemption fee. It was also mentioned that soon microchipping will be required at the time of redemption.

8. It was suggested by Teresa that the agenda be made public to assist the public in knowing what topics will be covered. It was also suggested that 15 minutes be devoted to public speakers and speakers be scheduled into the agenda ahead of time.

9. The board heard from a member of the public about a dangerous dog attack. She reiterated the need for warning signs about dogs. She called for a sign indicating the presence of dogs on the property for every dog owner to be required.

10. Old business—graphics for Responsible Dog Owners Day and Feral Cat Day were called for to be given to Lt. Kenney.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

The next meeting is set for October 7, 2015, 4:00-5:15 pm.