



## **Wichita Animal Control Advisory Board Minutes-02/03/2016**

Call to Order by Stephanie Fisk Mccurdy at 4pm

Board Members present: Stephanie Fisk McCurdy, Sarah Guengerich, Teresa Burks, John Stevens, Judy

City of Wichita: Cpt. Doug Nolte, Jan Jarman Jennifer Magana, Drew Bessey, Steve Kenney, Robin Bradley, Tracie Andrews, Rusty Leeds.

### **Summary**

- Public comments regarding dog bite statistics and USPS policy regarding dogs
- Review of why board was created, board mission and goals
- Facilitated discussion on future direction of the board
- 2016 board priorities determined through mutli-voting

### **Board Decisions**

The 2016 priorities are:

1. Spay and neuter policy and how to increase those numbers
2. Animal abuse and neglect
3. Leash laws and reducing the number of running at large animals
4. Microchipping
5. Dog licensing-responsible pet ownership
6. Breeder license and fees
7. Performance metrics to share with community
8. Obtaining the voice of the community through survey or other methods

### **Discussion**

Pros and cons of mandatory policy and possible impact on animal lifespan

### **Actions for next meeting**

- Review spay and neuter best practices from other cities ( Robin Bradley, CMO will provide to board prior to next meeting)
- Review data on the following:
  - Number of licensed dogs who have been sterilized (Animal Control staff)
  - Number of strays taken into Animal Shelter who have been sterilized (Animal Control staff)
  - Pet owners who are repeat offenders in prior 2 years (dog has been brought in as a stray multiple times) (Animal Control staff)
  - How low cost spay/neuter clinics affect intakes at the shelter (Animal control/KHS staff)
- Board will continue d the discussion on spay/neuter policy

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 by Stephanie Fisk McCurdy. The next meeting is set for March 2nd, 2016, 4:00-5:15 pm at the Kansas Humane Society.**