



**INDIANAPOLIS
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**

**Indianapolis Animal Care Services Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes from Thursday May 13, 2021 Meeting**

Board Members Present

Karen Celestino-Horseman, City County Council Appointee
Katie Trennepohl, Deputy Director of Animal Care Services
Dr. Samantha Swartzentruber, Vet
Stacie Hurre, Marion County Health Department Representative

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Karen Celestino-Horseman motioned to approve, motion passes, minutes approved without changes

Field Operations (Katie Trennepohl)

- Reviewed April statistics report
- 261 total reports, 86 bite reports, 276 citations, 99 investigation impounds, and 1938 service calls
- Avg. response time 23 hours 39 mins
- Citations were broken down by code and read
- 2 ACOs were released from training, 3 are in training, 2 in the hiring process, and 2 positions left to fill

Kennel Report (Katie Trennepohl)

- Reviewed April statistics report
- Intake: 405 dogs, 341 cats, 55 birds, 1 livestock, 78 others, for a total of 880
- 200 adopted, 98 returned to owners, 307 transferred, 9 returned to the wild, 26 shelter-neuter-return, 94 euthanized, 17 missing, 15 owner requested euthanasia, 32 died in care, and 6 others.
- The live release rate is 85.22% for all animals and 88.85% for dogs and cats
- Length of stay 14 days
- 11 adoption returns
- Started May w/ 390 animals in ACS care, 150 of those are in foster
- 47 Indy CARES Diversions
 - Diversions: 13 supplies, 17 rescues, 0 spay/neuters, 3 behavioral, and 14 medicals
- Dr. Swartzentruber: what caused the increase in the missing number of animals?
Trennepohl: 2 possibilities- kitten season (litters may get entered twice) and the new Foster Coordinator started (working on data clean up)-animals in foster care, who may have passed away months ago, were never cleared out of the system until now
- Dr. Swartzentruber: what caused the decrease in cat live release rates? Kitten Season?
Trennepohl: Yes, but also those animals missing, or unaccounted for, count against live release numbers.
Clarification: Live release rate is the percentage of animals that came in and left alive. There are now several kittens and mama cats in foster who haven't left alive yet.
- Celestino-Horseman: Is the shelter seeing an increase in intake now that the city is opening back up?
Trennepohl: ACS is not seeing an increase. Owner surrenders are down significantly and Indy Humane appears to be reporting the same. Most likely due to the appointment system and diversions

Volunteer Report (Katie Trennepohl)

- 13 new volunteers, 23 applications processed, 18 in training, 146 active volunteers
- Hours volunteered at the shelter 1257
- Volunteer Database was cleaned up, inactive volunteers were removed
- Started accepting new volunteers
- Orientations are going well
- Red/Blue team schedules ended today

Community Outreach Report (Katie Trennepohl)

- Social media stats were read

- Hosted a Pearl for Pups fundraiser and raised over \$1,000
- Hosted an adoption event, "It's Raining Cats and Dogs" on April 14th
- Upcoming Events:
 - DeBrand fundraiser on May 15th and 16th. Order online or at DeBrand (6865 River Crossing Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46240). Not currently posted on FB.
 - Tabling at Edgewood Athletic Association on May 22nd

Old Business

- Hiring: Filled the Enforcement Manager position: Billie Bowling, Filled the Foster Coordinator position: Marie Brown, conducting second round interviews for the Volunteer Coordinator position, 2 ACO vacancies, 4 Kennel vacancies, 1 Vet Assistant vacancy

New Business/Sub-Committee Update

- Sub-committee updates
 - Enforcement/Field Operations (Stacie Hurtle)—Next meeting: July 7th
 - Medical (Dr. Swartzentruber)—No May meeting, Updates from April
 - Issues getting animals spayed/neutered and out the door quickly
Trennepohl: Animals are still stuck waiting after adoption (more like 1 week instead of 3 now), Indy Humane increased the number of surgeries they can do, FACE is back to doing surgeries for ACS and Brownsburg days have been adjusted
- Walk up adoptions tomorrow
- Currently, no plans to return to public kennel walkthroughs. The adoptions department is adequately staffed for 1 on 1 conversations. Less stressful for the animals, and shelter reviews appear more positive

Public Comments

Adjourned at 6:27 p.m., the next meeting is June 10, 2021.