

Draft
Gwinnett County Animal Task Force Minutes
April 24, 2012
7:00 p.m.
884 Winder Highway
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Members Present:

Kelly Alder, Vice Chair	Curtis Northrup
Elizabeth Burgner	Angie Peevy
Donald Bush	Jon Richards
Dr. Solveig Evans	Tatiana Romeo
Dr. Cathy Fish	Jane Stewart
James Freeman	Joel Taylor, Chairman
Wanda Johnson	Dr. Wayne Wallis

Members Absent:

Suzanne Pruitt
Pattie Szanti

Staff Present:

Assistant Chief West, Gwinnett County Police Department
Theresa Cox, Law Department
Shaunieka Taste, Public Relations Manager, Communications

I. Call to Order

Time: 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: Jon Richards

Second: Curtis Northrup

Vote: 11-0 (Fish, Peevy, Romeo absent) (Alder, Burgner, Bush, Evans, Freeman, Johnson, Northrup, Richards, Stewart, Taylor, and Wallis voting for)

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes from April 10, 2012 Meeting

Motion to Approve: Jon Richards

Second: James Freeman

Vote: 12-0 (Peevy and Romeo absent) (Alder, Burgner, Bush, Evans, Fish, Freeman, Johnson, Northrup, Richards, Stewart, Taylor, and Wallis voting for)

IV. Subcommittee Recommendations

A. Partnership

Curtis Northrup presented the recommendations for the Partnership Subcommittee. The draft recommendations presented are attached to the minutes. The Task Force discussed the recommendations. The following specific changes were discussed. Dr. Wallis made one suggestion for an addition to the recommendations for a potential instructional/educational CD/DVD to be given to adopters.

B. Policy

Curtis Northrup presented the recommendations for the Policy Subcommittee. The draft recommendations presented are attached to the minutes. The Task Force discussed the recommendations. The following specific changes were discussed. There was a suggestion presented to change “adoption period” to “hold period” in the recommendation for Code Section 10-36(a). There was also a suggestion that cats needs to be addressed in the recommendations for penalties in Code Section 10-29(f).

C. Program

Elizabeth Burgner presented the recommendations for the Program Subcommittee. The draft recommendations presented are attached to the minutes. The Task Force discussed the recommendations, specifically recommendations that differed from the Structure Subcommittee.

D. Structure

Jon Richards presented the recommendations for the Program Subcommittee. The draft recommendations presented are attached to the minutes. The Task Force discussed the recommendations, specifically recommendations that differed from the Programs Subcommittee.

V. Final Report Discussion

Chairman Taylor stated that it was important that both viewpoints/recommendations be included in the final report. The Task Force will work on editing and compiling all of the recommendations.

VI. Public Comment

One member of the public spoke: Randy DeCarlo

VII. Next ATF Meeting

No meeting scheduled.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: James Freeman

Second: Angie Peevy

Vote: 14-0 (Alder, Burgner, Bush, Evans, Fish, Freeman, Johnson, Northrup, Peevy, Richards, Romeo, Stewart, Taylor, and Wallis voting for)

Time: 9:00 p.m.