

**Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council**  
**January 19, 2010**  
**Minutes**

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. at the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center, 884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Present: Gail LaBerge (Chairman), Tricia Smith, Dennis Kronenfeld, Tim Montgomery, Carla Brown, Gloria Kennedy, Clara Seals, Lt. Mary Lou Respass (advisor) Theresa Cox (Attorney)

Public Present: five (5) people

Opening Remarks by Gail LaBerge, Chairman:  
Every one was thanked for attending. *Pet Tech* is offering aid and care training.

Approval of Agenda – Clara Seals made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim Montgomery seconded. Agenda was approved, 6-0. (Carla Brown absent)

Approval of Minutes for July 2009 – There was no meeting October 2009  
Dennis Kronenfeld made motion to approve the minutes. Clara Seals seconded.  
Minutes were approved 6-0. (Carla Brown absent)

Election of Chairman and Secretary – Gail LaBerge was nominated for chairman and Tricia Smith was nominated for secretary. Dennis made the motion to accept the nominated people and Clara seconded. Approved 6-0. (Carla Brown absent)

Announcements – Mary Lou Respass shared the Shelter Report and year end totals. Tim suggested Mary Respass contact UGA to see if graduate students could take data collected at the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center and set up a program for specific information need for year to date reports at no charge. Dennis said the Gwinnett County Jail will be fostering dogs and they will start moving them in February. The inmates will be taking care of these animals. The shelter is working on solutions for getting to know the personality and adoption of pit bull dogs.

Public Comment – ideas about placement process of pit bull dogs and other dogs

**Old Business**

Status of Ordinance Changes – Approved by Commissioners and on the Gwinnett County web site.

Letters expressing concern for the staffing of the animal shelter have been sent to the Commissioners.

By-laws – Communication chain and size – Tim and Carla will bring recommendations to the called meeting on March 2, 2010.

Urgent List – Dennis Kronefeld, Carla Brown and Chris Hughes – Dennis doesn't see it working for the Gwinnett Shelter. Carla thinks it can work and will bring recommendations to the called meeting on March 2, 2010.

**New Business**

Motion was made by Clara to have a called meeting on March 2, 2010 to discuss: fee schedule, hours, urgent list, by laws, communication with commissioners. Tim seconded. Vote passed 7-0

Request for new advisor from the Gwinnett Veterinarian Association – Tim Montgomery will get the name and information.

Disaster Plan, Dennis Kronefeld has no progress to report at this time.

Animal Control SOP – This is not current at this time but is being updated. Carla requested to Gwinnett Animal Advisory council review the updated SOP before it is printed. Recommended to Lt. Respass to have staff choose 13 dogs to be moved up to the adoption list instead of the way it is done currently.

Carla requested a cost break down for rescue dogs. Dennis will get this for her.

#### General Public Comment

Four members of the public spoke during the Public Comment period: Mike Babigian, Randy DeCarlo, Marian Morris and Steve Sweeney.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Smith