

**Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council
Special Meeting
March 16, 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, Lt. Mary Lou Respass (advisor) Theresa Cox (Attorney)

Opening Remarks by Gail LaBerge, Chairman:
Every one was thanked for attending.

Approval of Agenda – Carla Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim Montgomery seconded. Agenda was approved, 4-0. (Dennis and Gloria were not present at the time of vote.)

Public Comment – No members of the public were present.

Old Business

Urgent List – Carla Brown is putting it together and will give it to Kris so she can distribute it. The urgent list will be put on Pet Finder too. Beginning on May 1st the Gwinnett Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center will receive new soft ware that will make the urgent list much easier to implement and maintain. There was a discussion about the Pilots and Paws Program and pilots are eligible for a tax deduction and how to get the word out about the tax deduction. Tim suggested a CPA outline the tax benefits and post them at flight school buildings.

By-laws – Carla Brown and Tim Montgomery each had a 2nd draft of the Code of Ethics for the Council to review and discuss at the April meeting. Carla Brown will combine the two documents, showing the strike through, underline and highlights and e-mail to each board member. One of the objectives in rewording the document is to make it consistent with other county documents. Tim stated a member of the Gwinnett County Veterinary Medical Association will be elected for appointment in the AAC as an advisory to the GAAC.

Communication with Commissioners – In the current By Laws AAC doesn't have a direct line of communication with the Commissioners. Some members of the AAC believe recommendation could be implemented in a more efficient manner if there was a direct line of communications. Carla stated that could be written in the new By Laws.

New Business

Shelter Fee Schedule – Tim made a motion to change the daily board fee on impounded animals from \$5.00 to \$10.00, Rabies observation/quarantine board fee from \$100.00 to \$200.00, owner surrender/animal give up fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00, a Dangerous Dog fee of \$200.00 and Board fee of \$15.00 for livestock. Dennis seconded. Vote 5 -1, motion carried.

GAAC meeting dates for 2010 remaining: April 20, July 20 and October 19

Public Comment - none

Adjournment – Dennis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim seconded. Approved 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Smith