

Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council Minutes**Monday, July 12, 2021 – 7:00pm-9:00pm**

884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30045; Webex

Present: Erin Martin, Gail LaBerge, Jeanne Aulbach, Lila Hunter, Nahum Nicholas, Tameka Womack

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Introduction of Members/Opening Remarks
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Agenda was amended to remove item #5, Election of Officers and under item #7, The update on Council bylaws as these items were addressed on the March meeting. {Action: Approved Unanimously; Motion: LaBerge; Second: Aulbach; Vote: (6-0); Martin-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Aulbach-Yes; Hunter-Yes; Nicholas-Yes; Womack-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes March 8, 2021
 - {Action: Approved Unanimously; Motion: LaBerge; Second: Nicholas; Vote: (6-0); Martin-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Aulbach-Yes; Hunter-Yes; Nicholas-Yes; Womack-Yes}
6. Staff Updates Alan Davis Manager, Animal Welfare & Enforcement Division
 - Kennel
 - Enforcement
 - Special Events
 - Volunteer & Outreach
 - Rescue 2021 Stats
 - Animal Ambassador Summer Camp
 - Virtual Opportunities
 - Upcoming Education & August Awareness
 - Year-to-Date Stats and Volunteer Programming
 - Community Enforcement and Investigative Services
 - Training
 - RTCCP Update
7. New Business
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment

A photograph of a person's hands holding several puppies of various breeds, including spotted, tan, and black and white. The person is wearing a black t-shirt with a logo that says "more animals" and "your pet". The background is a light blue wall. The image is partially obscured by a white diagonal shape on the left side of the slide.

Animal Advisory Committee

July 12, 2021

Shelter Staff

- Alan Davis, Manager
- Vernon Sawyer, Deputy Division Director
 - Enforcement Operations
 - Final day will be July 23, 2021
- Katherine Corbett, Assistant Manager
 - Shelter Operations (rescue/foster/outreach/volunteer)
 - Start day July 12, 2021



Outreach

Adoption Specials

- June was Adopt a Cat Month
- (25) cats and (226) kittens were adopted



Shelter Pets Rocks

- June 12
- National pet adoption event
- 500+ Visitors



Shelter Pets Rock

- 53 Adoptions
 - 40 Kittens
 - 3 Cats
 - 10 Dogs



Upcoming Events

- Mechanicsville Community Fair
 - Best Friend Park, Saturday, July 24 from 9:00 am to noon
- PetSmart National Adoption Event
 - Lawrenceville PetSmart, Saturday, July 24 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Clear the Shelters 2021
 - Sponsored by NBC; month-long pet adoption campaign
 - August 23 – September 19

Paws in the parks

- 8 Events conducted
 - J. B. Williams Park
 - Little Mulberry Park
 - Pinckneyville Park
 - Graves Park
 - Best Friend Park
 - Bay Creek Park
 - Lenora Park
 - Rabbit Hill Park
- Upcoming – September 11 at Settles Bridge Park



Rescue

- 2021 Stats
 - 19 Transports to place 69 animals
- 2021 YTD Stats
 - 425 Rescue transfers



Animal Ambassador Summer Camp

- Half day camp
- 10 campers per session
- June 14 – 18, ages 7-10
- June 21 – 24, ages 11-14



Virtual Opportunities

- Working with Community Engagement and Collaboration to develop videos and virtual opportunities:
 - Career days at area schools
 - Volunteer orientation
 - Educational content for web and social media



Internal & External Groups & Visitors

- On-site visits and tours with scouts and home-school groups coordinated on Sundays
- Visits to seniors have not been scheduled at this time

Upcoming Education

- What kind of pet is best for you?
 - General breed/species recommendation for different types of families
- July 2021 is Lost Pet Prevention Month
 - Helping pet owners keep their pets at home

Upcoming August Awareness

- Heartworm
- Prevention of Animal Cruelty
- Bite Prevention
- Heat Kills alerts
- Responsible Pet Ownership
- Canine Fitness and Pet ID's



Kennel Operations



Stats for 2021

- 10,672 Visitors
- 1,600 Adoptions
- 2,951 New arrivals/intakes
 - Average daily capacity during spring months – 150 animals for more than 120 days

Additional Stats



- 2,316 Outgoing/saved
- 286 Reclaims
- 425 Transferred to rescue
- 94.58% Live release rate
- 9,801 Calls for service



Volunteer Program

- January – June 2021
 - 14,959 Volunteer and foster hours
 - 232 Volunteers
 - 118 Fosters



Community Enforcement & Investigative Services

2021 Hearing Board for Dangerous/Vicious Hearings

- 17 Dangerous dog cases
 - 6 Dogs declared dangerous
 - 2 Open cases to be served
- One dangerous dog hearing held
- 12 Vicious dog cases
 - 0 Dogs classified as vicious
- No vicious dog hearings held

2021 Stats

- 9,801 Calls for service
 - Stray and injured animals
 - Police impound
 - Animal bites
 - Livestock loose
 - Assisting citizens



Additional 2021 Stats

- 444 Citations issued
- 3 Positive rabies cases
 - 1 Fox
 - 1 Raccoon
 - 1 Bat
- 374 Animal bites



Training



- Cat behavior training
 - Planned Pethood of Georgia
- Internal staff training on equipment used by staff
 - Animal Control Officer III

Return to the Community Cat Program

- The program will be systematically focused in areas of the County where the number of unowned, free-roaming stray cats are determined to be high.
- Cats brought into the program are exempt from registration, licensing, and stray animal provisions and shall not be deemed abandoned when returned to the location where captured.
- Healthy, ear-tipped cats are considered to already be part of the community cat program.
- Year to date we have returned to the community 534 cats thus preventing more than 4000 births.

Questions?