

#### Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council Minutes Monday, September 20, 2021 - 7:00pm-9:00pm

884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30045; Webex

**Present:** B. Thassanee Gutter-Parker aka BT Gutter Parker, Erin Martin, Gail LaBerge, Jeanne Aulbach, Lila Hunter, Nahum Nicholas, Tameka Womack

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Welcome/Announcements
- 3. Approval of Agenda
  - Agenda was amended to add Recognition of Shelter Staff to item #8 New Business.
    {Action: Approved; Motion: Aulbach; Second: Hunter; Vote: (7:0); Gutter-Parker -Yes;
    Martin-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Aulbach-Yes; Hunter-Yes; Nicholas-Yes; Womack-Yes}
- 4. Approval of Minutes July 12, 2021
  - The Chairwoman requested comments from the Board Members regarding the approval of the minutes. There were no comments. The Chairwoman declared the minutes approved.
- 5. Staff Updates Alan Davis Manager, Animal Welfare & Enforcement Division
  - Kennel
  - Enforcement
  - Special Events
  - Volunteer & Outreach
- 6. Old Business
- 7. New Business
  - Training from the Law Department
  - Appreciation for Shelter Staff
  - Proposed Next Meeting Dates
    - November 15, 2021; January 24, 2021
- 8. Public Comments
- 8. Adjournment
  - The Chairwoman declared Adjournment at 8:10pm.





#### Kennel Stats to date

- 15, 309 Visitors
- 2,603 Adoptions
- 4,450 New arrivals/intakes
  - Average daily capacity during summer months – 250 animals for more than 120 days



#### **Additional Stats**



- 3,526 Outgoing/saved
- 360 Reclaims
- 558 Transferred to rescue
- 95.58% Live release rate
- 12,832 Calls for service
- 745 Returned to the community cats
  - Preventing more than 5,000 births

# Hearing Board for Dangerous/Vicious Hearings

- 17 Dangerous dog cases
  - 6 Dogs declared dangerous
  - 2 Open cases to be served
- Two dangerous dog hearings held

- 12 Vicious dog cases
  - 0 Dogs classified as vicious
- No vicious dog hearings held



#### **Enforcement to Date**

- 12,832 Calls for service
  - Stray and injured animals
  - Police impound
  - Animal bites
  - Livestock loose
  - Assisting citizens





#### Additional Enforcement Stats

- 757 Citations issued
- 19 Positive rabies cases
  - Fox (4), raccoon (3), bat (11) and (1) dog
- 474 Animal bites





# Training

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



### Outreach

- Paws in the Park
  - September 11 at Settles Bridge Park
- Adopt-A-Dog Month
  - October
- Adopt-A-Senior Pet Month
  - November





### **Adoption Specials & Events**



- Clear the Shelters
  - Adoption fees waived
  - August 23 September 19
  - Sponsored by NBC
- Clear the Shelters Celebration
  - Saturday, September 18
  - Expecting 500+ visitors

- 100 Adoptions to date
  - 40 Kittens
  - 3 Cats
  - 10 Dogs

# September Awareness

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





# **Upcoming Education**

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





### Rescue to Date

- 19 Transports to place 69 animals
- 558 Rescue transfers







# Volunteer Program

- January August
  - 6,122 Volunteer and foster hours
  - 210 Volunteers
  - 38 Fosters



# Questions?

