

Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council Minutes**Monday, April 4, 2022 – 7:00pm-9:00pm**

884 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30045; Webex

Present: Lila Hunter, Gail LaBerge, Erin Martin, Nahum Nicholas, BT Parker**Absent:** Jeanne Aulbach, Tameka Womack

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome / Announcements
3. Approval of Agenda
 - {Action: Approved; Motion: LaBerge; Second: Martin; Vote: (5:0); Hunter-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Martin-Yes; Nicholas-Yes; Parker-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes January 24, 2022
 - {Action: Approved; Motion: Hunter; Second: Martin; Vote: (5:0); Hunter-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Martin-Yes; Nicholas-Yes; Parker-Yes}
5. Staff Updates
 - Kennel
 - Enforcement
 - Special Events
 - Volunteer & Outreach
 - Shelter Operation Updates
 - Foster Program
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment
 - {Action: Approved; Motion: LaBerge; Second: Parker; Vote: (5:0); Hunter-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Martin-Yes; Nicholas-Yes; Parker-Yes}

Animal Welfare & Enforcement

Animal Advisory Council
April 4, 2022



Gwinnett



Kennel Stats

- 5,338 Visitors
- 864 Adoptions
- 1,467 New arrivals and intakes



By the Numbers

- 1,476 Outgoing and saved
- 411 Reclaims
- 202 Transferred to rescues
- 96.99% Live release rate for dogs
- 96.64% Live release rate for cats
- 4,298 Calls for service
- 214 Cats TNRed under the Returned to Community Cat Program
 - 1,712 Births prevented

Dangerous/Vicious Hearing Board

- 2 Dangerous dog cases
 - 3 Dogs declared dangerous
 - 0 Open case to be served
- 0 Vicious dog cases
 - 0 Dogs classified as vicious
- No vicious dog hearings held

Enforcement Stats

- 4,298 Calls for service
 - Stray and injured animals
 - Police impounds
 - Animal bites
 - Loose livestock
 - Citizen assists





Additional By the Numbers

- 292 Citations issued
- 165 Verbal warnings issued
- 2 Positive rabies case
 - 1 Coyote
 - 1 Bat
- 127 Animal bites

Community Animal Welfare

- 250 Animals reclaimed from the shelter
- 125 Reclaims in the field
- 550 Pounds of dog food provided to pet owners
- Other items provided include dog houses, leashes, and collars

Training

- Cat Behavior (every two weeks)
 - Alex's Feline Training and Behavior Consulting, LLC
- National Animal Control Association virtual certification course
 - Animal Control Officer III training with staff on equipment



2022 Adoption Specials & Events

- January
 - Change a Pets Life Day and Free Fridays
 - 300 Adoptions
- February
 - Love a Mutt and Free Fridays
 - 252 Adoptions
- March
 - Mutt Madness and St Pawtrick's Day
 - 312 Adoptions



Upcoming Adoption Specials & Events

- National Heartworm Awareness Month
 - Adoption fees waived on all heartworm positive dogs
- April 9, 9:00am – 10:00am: Volunteer Orientation
- April 23, 9:00am – noon: Community Pet Vaccine Clinic (Best Friend Park)
- April 26-7:00 pm: National Adopt A Shelter Pet Proclamation (GJAC)
- April 29 – 30: National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day (adoption fees waived)
- April 30, 11:00am – 3:00pm: Rescue Pet Fest (Rhodes Jordan Park)
- April 30: Local volunteer group beautification project

Volunteer Program

- 2,357 Volunteer and foster service hours
 - 291 Volunteers
 - 38 Fosters
- 46 Animals fostered
 - 2 Birds, 2 cats, 14 dogs, 7 puppies, 17 kittens, and 4 reptiles



Rescues to Date

- 14 Transports
 - Placing 25 animals
- 201 Rescue transfers
 - 9 Birds
 - 58 Cats
 - 58 Dogs
 - 31 Kittens
 - 45 Puppies



Shelter Operations Updates

- 19 Unassisted deaths
 - 6 Kittens, 7 cats, 5 dogs, and 1 puppy
- 10 Rabies vector euthanasia of wildlife animals
- 5 Felines sent for rabies testing
 - 1 Gwinnett AWE and 4 from animal hospitals
- 17 Canines sent for rabies testing
 - 5 Gwinnett AWE and 12 from animal hospitals

2022 Euthanasia by Species

Animal Type	Quantity
Bird	3
Wildlife	0
Cat	12
Goat	1
Dog	32
Fowl	0
Guinea Pig	0
Kitten	1
Mammal	7
Marsupial	3
Pig	0
Puppy	1
Reptile	0
Rodent	0
Grand Total	60

Live Release rates around the U.S.

City/County, State	2020 Census Population	Intakes	2021 Live Release Rate
Augusta-Richmond County, GA	206,607	4,370	53.06%
Columbus, GA (Muscogee Co.)	209,777	4,383	87.72%
Savannah, GA (Chatham Co.)	329,000	2,597	59.10%
Albuquerque, NM.	564,559	15,904	92.50%
El Paso, TX	678,815	16,720	84.27%
Dekalb County, GA	764,382	7,866	87.96%
Charlotte, NC	874,579	8,041	88.00%
Indianapolis, IN	887,642	10,092	87.29%
Fort Worth, TX	938,055	17,805	96.63%
Gwinnett County, GA	957,062	6,737	95.65%
San Jose, CA	1,013,240	12,802	83.80%
Fulton County, GA	1,066,710	7,101	90.81%
Dallas, TX	1,304,379	15,431	86.00%
Philadelphia, PA	1,603,797	15,124	85.44%
Houston, TX	2,304,580	12,613	94.00%
Chicago, IL	2,746,388	11,988	80.54%
Los Angeles, CA	3,898,747	37,512	77.69%
Maricopa County, AZ	4,420,568	18,026	92.63%
Palm Beach County, FL	1,492,191	9,008	81.24%
Orange County, FL	1,429,908	13,527	84.26%
Miami-Dade County, FL	2,701,767	31,281	91.72%

Additional Updates

- Christopher Emerson, Assistant Manager (Field Operations) hired on February 7
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) review completed
- Shelter Buddy weekly onsite training
- The RTCCP website has been up for more than (30) days successfully
- Other training subjects in roll call: adoption counseling, disease recognition, customer service, animal handling, SOP review, team building, and capacity management
- New X-ray machine was installed in December 2021

Questions?

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