



**September 13, 2022**

**Animal Control Board Members:**

Barbara McKenzie  
Myla Chapman  
Kristi Thomas  
Gloria McCain  
Becky Sheffield

**Clayton County Police Department:**

Major Schindler  
Lt Michael Martin  
Captain Turnipseed (by phone)

**Public**

Amy Albright  
Maria Dorough  
Katherine Denfeld Lowery  
Linda Ingram  
Diana Kaemingk  
Angela Scarborough

- The above was in attendance for the Animal Control Board Meeting on September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting was called to order by Barbara McKenzie and board approved the agenda for the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting minutes were also approved.
- The first speaker was from Major Schindler. He reported on a recent TV news report where citizens are reporting lack of dogs being picked up in Clayton County. Low staffing is contributing to this issue as officers are not able to respond to all calls on a timely basis due to not being fully staffed at this time. The dogs mentioned in the news report have been picked up by CCAC at this time.
- The second report was the YTD Statistics through August 31, 2022, from Lt Martin. Captain Turnipseed was in route to training and was unable to attend the meeting in person. However, she did join by phone and was available for questions and comments.

TOTAL	Intake PY 2021	YTD 2022	Adopted PY 2021	YTD 2022	Rescue PY 2021	YTD 2022	Reclaim PY 2021	YTD 2022	Euthanized PY 2021	YTD 2022
<b>All</b>	2889	2335	503	510	1666	1161	455	407	164*	205**
<b>Dogs</b>	2182	1935	409	434	1139	875	444	402	109	182
<b>Cats</b>	663	362	67	60	515	266	7	3	53	23
<b>Other</b>	45	31	25	17	12	11	4	2	2	0

*\*Of the 164 animals euthanized, 65 were in shelter euthanizations and 99 were from road where officer responded to injured animal.*

*\*\*Of the 205 animals euthanized, 71 were in shelter euthanizations and 134 were from road where officer responded to injured animal.*

Question was raised about the return rate of adoptions thru CCAC. Captain Turnipseed stated that she did not have that date but could provide it in the future. Questions were also raised about disclosure of rescue groups and the number of animals pulled by those groups. The names and numbers of the rescue groups pulling the largest number of animals was disclosed as following YTD numbers:

Rescue Cats 26, All About the Animals 47, TLC Pet Rescue 26, Clayton County Humane 13, Fayette Humane 18, Atlanta Humane 7, Dogs Rock Rescue 283.

- Barbara McKenzie asked if there was any old business to discuss. There was no old business.
- Barbara McKenzie asked if there is any new business. There is no new business to discuss.
- The floor was opened for public discussion.
- Linda Ingram expressed her concern for the adoption process at CCAC. She is concerned about whether animals are adopted to persons who are not able to fully care for them and how many animals get returned. She feels that the process needs to be more involved to insure the animals are going to good homes.
- Katherine Denefield Lowery asked about the responsibility of Clayton County in the Dogs Rock issue since so many Clayton dogs went there. She feels that the Urgent List and call for immediate need of rescue or adoption contributes sheer money making and situations like Dogs Rock and that it may attract some rescues for the wrong reasons.
- Diana Kaemingk asked if volunteers could possibly be allowed to assist in the shelter. She is aware that there are inmates there but asked if times or days could be staggered so that volunteers could assist with videos, photos, and posting of the animals there. Also, to walk and help socialize the dogs. She

stated that she has assisted at other shelters with inmates and this was permitted.

Major Schindler commented that the inmates working at CCAC are State of Georgia inmates verses the local/county inmates used at some shelters. Because of the different types of inmates, volunteers and inmates cannot be mixed.

She also mentioned the possibility of a 'no kill' list of very adoptable dogs to get them out of the shelter faster so that space is available for others.

- Angela Scarborough asked if the euthanasia statistics were posted online or where they can be found for CCAC. Captain Turnipseed replied that they are available on the Clayton website.  
She also expressed great concern for the Dogs Rock Rescue issue and has personally been to Heard County to volunteer and assist. She asked if any thought or oversight was given to allow one rescue to pull so many dogs. Captain Turnipseed indicated that she has gone to the Facebook page of Dogs Rock Rescue and saw the many adoptions that they post but ultimately it is the job of Heard County AC and Georgia DOA to monitor their compliance.
- Gloria McClain asked how we hold DOA accountable for these inspections and how they missed with the Dogs Rock Rescue situation so that this does not happen in the future.  
Myla Chapman commented that we should the representatives and state representatives.
- Maria Dorough of Partners for Pets commented that of the 283 dogs that were pulled from CCAC by Dogs Rock from 1/1/22 to 8/31/22 only 139 of them were on the Urgent List. Only about half of the dogs they pulled had fundraisers. She also commented that Partners does not have any say so over which rescues pull a dog and rely on DOA approval and inspections. She suggested that it would be helpful if the DOA and shelters shared information so DOA would know how many dogs are pulled from shelters and are now the responsibility of the rescue.
- Amy Albrecht asked if CCAC took back any dogs that went to the Dogs Rock Rescue that ultimately ended up in Heard County Animal Control. Captain Turnipseed said that there was initially no room at CCAC to take any back. After space was available for some dogs to return to Clayton, Heard County did not reach out to return them. Ms. Albrecht also mentioned that she felt that Partners for Pets was somewhat responsible for so many dogs going to Dogs Rock Rescue and that the public should be made aware of which rescues pull the dogs. Ms Dorough responded that they leave it up to the rescue to post the dogs that are pulled from CCAC.
- Barbara McKenzie mentioned that Mandatory Spay and Neuter would definitely lessen the shelter overcrowding and that Spalding County now has spay and neuter laws. Several options were mentioned, and the board scheduled a work session to take place October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm to discuss ideas on implementing such a plan.

- Comment from Barbara McKenzie: This concluded the business for today's meeting.
- Comment from Barbara McKenzie: The next Animal Control Board Meeting will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
- Comment from Barbara McKenzie: The meeting is adjourned.

Capt. J. Turnipseed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Animal Control Commander

Major S. Schindler \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Animal Control Commander