



June 14, 2022

Animal Control Board Members:

Barbara McKenzie
Myla Chapman
Kristi Thomas
Gloria McCain
Becky Sheffield

Clayton County Police Department:

Major Schindler
Captain Jodi Turnipseed
Facility Coordinator Tiffany Phillips
Margaret Chastain DVM
India Keefover Staff Attorney

Public

Amy Albright	Melanie Ruger DVM
Maria Dorough	Andrea Dixon
Katherine Denfeld Lowery	Unidentified Man (Owner of Wrecker Svc)
Grace Hamlin	8-10 other members of the public
Linda Ingram	

- The above was in attendance for the Animal Control Board Meeting on June 14, 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 introduced himself as the Administrative Major over Animal Control and welcomed all to the meeting.
- The second report was the YTD Statistics through May 31st, 2022, from Captain Jodi Turnipseed.

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
All	2889	1336	503	288	1666	677	455	258	164*	93**
Dogs	2182	1150	409	259	1139	520	444	255	109	81
Cats	663	175	67	27	515	138	7	1	53	12
Other	45	4	25	2	12	1	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 93 animals euthanized, 28 were in shelter euthanizations and 65 were from road where officer responded to injured animal.*

- Captain Turnipseed also mentioned the need for an upcoming vicious dog case which the Animal Control Board will need to appear. She mentioned that there may be more of these upcoming in the future. “This designation serves the public good to protect the public.” Stated Turnipseed. The detailed requirements of vicious dog registration, \$1,000 annual fee, and lifetime notification of relocation or death, as well as additional insurance requirement/bond with Clayton County to be notified if policy is cancelled or lapses.
- The third speaker was Staff Attorney, India Keefover win information about the process of the upcoming vicious dog case. She explained that this is a process where an owner may appeal the vicious/dangerous dog designation. The requirements that must be followed to comply and appeal this were discussed. Also discussed were the requirements of the board to publicly post the meeting according to Ga Open Meetings Act, required certified notification to the Appellant within 30 days of the request, and that at least 3 members of the board must attend for a quorum representation. Also mentioned was that the Appellant may represent themselves or may choose to have an attorney present for the hearing.
- Barbara McKenzie asked if there was any old business to discuss. There was no old business.
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- The floor was opened for public discussion.
- Linda Ingram asked about a dog that was picked up by animal control on a Friday with a severe leg injury and it looked like the dog did not get medical attention until Monday. Also, she asked if an x-ray was done and if the x-ray machine is back working. Staff Veterinarian Margaret Chastain replied that the dog did receive treatment on Friday and the leg was better by Monday. On the x-ray machine, there is still some troubleshooting being done at this time. “There may be a replacement (free of charge from the company machine was

purchased from) if this one cannot return to working condition” stated Captain Turnipseed.

- Grace Hamlin, Founder of W-Underdogs spoke of newly moving operations to Clayton County from Atlanta. She is frustrated by visits from Dept of Agriculture, Community Development, and Animal Control to her site. She is not currently in compliance and states she cannot be because she cannot get a business license at her location. She asks Clayton to work with her as this is a temporary location and plans on moving out of Clayton County in 2 months in August 2022. Captain Turnipseed responded that since this pertains to only this organization it might be best to discuss this one on one.
- Gloria McCain raised Point of Order to bring the meeting back to the agenda and proper order.
- Maria Dorough of Partners for Pets commented on the need for an additional Rescue Coordinator as she has mentioned before. Even if not a new hire, possibly a transfer from another department within the county. She also commended Facility Coordinator Tiffany Phillips for always assisting and being willing to help rescues and adopters even if she is busy with other duties.
- Dr Melanie Ruger DVM spoke that she partners with W-Underdogs and specializes with aggression and anxiety in shelter dogs and would like to help more dogs within Clayton.
- Andrea Dixon commented that she had found 2 separate dogs from 2 separate owners and brought them into animal control and understands that they were released back to owners. She wants to know whether they received citations and commented that one of the owners is a CCPD officer. She also asked how to get documentation concern the outcome of each dog. Captain Turnipseed stated that she would have to look up the specific numbers but that she remembers one of them and that they were fined. Captain Turnipseed added that all animals returned to owner are microchipped and owner pays that fee as part of the reclaim. This helps AC track them if they continue to allow their dogs to be at large. She also reiterated that all dogs found must be brought to the shelter.
- Comment from the public. Gentleman who owns a wrecker service in Clayton County commented on having W-Underdogs to assist him in removing a dog from his lot. The dog was scared and lived in a car on the lot. He contacted them and they came and removed the dog. He was concerned that they turned the dog into CCAC and could face euthanasia.
- Gloria McCain asked about an Adoption Event or something to help with adoptions. Captain Turnipseed stated that this is currently difficult as a same day adoption is almost impossible with short staffing and the vet schedule to have enough animals spayed/neutered for an event.

- Captain Turnipseed continued to say that not only is low staffing hindering events like this, but that they now have an ACO assist with surgeries. The lack of staff has made them responsible for self-dispatch and supervisors are having to monitor incoming phone calls.
- Becky Sheffield asked about after hours dispatch if a dog is roaming or injured and what is the proper protocol. Captain Turnipseed said they should call 911 and the animal needs to be contained. 911 will send ACO to site and may send a police officer first to make sure the animal is contained. There is no vet at the shelter overnight.
- Grace Hamlin asked about the possibility of a Friendly Foster program to keep animals out of the shelter. She also asked if Clayton could get an Advocate for Animal Control Liaison.
- 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 September 13th, 2022, at 6:30 pm.
- Comment from Barbara McKenzie: The meeting is adjourned.

Capt. J. Turnipseed _____ Date _____
Animal Control Commander

Major S. Schindler _____ Date _____
Animal Control Commander