



# CITY OF NORMAN, OK ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Animal Welfare Center, 3428 South Jenkins Ave, Conference Room,  
Norman, OK 73072

Monday, July 08, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

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### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Co-Chairperson Mark Howery

Committee Member Kim Fairbanks

Committee Member Dr. Rod Hall

Committee Member Kristy Wicker

Committee Member Sandy Moore-Furneaux

City Council Member Michael Nash

#### ABSENT

Co-Chairperson Becca Bean

### APPROVAL OF THE MAY MINUTES

Dr. Rod Hall made a motion to accept the minutes, and Kim Fairbanks seconded. The motion passed.

### MONTHLY STATISTICS AND UPDATES

Ashley Battiest went over the May and June statistics. May's intake numbers looked very similar to the previous year, but the shelter adopted out more cats and kittens in May and adopted out the same number of dogs as May 2023. In May, the live release rate was 91.6%.

In June, the shelter took in 27 fewer dogs than June 2023.

Staff adopted out 20 more cats and kittens and 32 fewer dogs/ puppies than in 2023. There were 42 TNRs done in June, and there was a flight in June that transferred out 41 animals from the shelter. In June, the live release rate was 92%.

Kellee spoke about the Dog is My Copilot Flight that went out on June 15. The shelter sent out 41 animals to rescue partners in Oregon and Colorado. The next flight will be August 7th.

The owner surrender list in May had 158 dogs and 22 cats waiting to be surrendered to the shelter. In June, those numbers were 138 dogs and 34 cats.

The shelter continued to operate at capacity throughout the summer, and is full on both the cat and dog intake side.

### **Updates on transition of AWOC to Standing Committee**

Jeanne Snider spoke briefly about the AWOC becoming a permanent committee and the process is still ongoing.

### **Updates on FY'25 Budget Requests**

Kellee Robertson spoke about the FY 25 budget items that were approved, including the additional vet tech position that is in the process of being posted for hiring. Kellee is getting quotes for the kennel improvement budget item that was also approved.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Update on Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program**

Dr. Tyler spoke briefly about the change over from the Best Friends of Pets program to the SNIP program run by Norman Animal Welfare. In the first complete month under the SNIP program, Norman Animal Welfare did 44 surgeries for Norman residents. Main Street Vet, Cats Only, and Thunderbird Vet have signed on to participate in the program as well. The bulk of the animals are being spayed/neutered through the shelter.

### **2. Volunteer of the Year Nomination Announcement**

There was a discussion about making the announcement for nominations soon and about the process that people use to nominate volunteers. The application to nominate someone for Volunteer of the Year will be available through the city website.

### **3. Update on Proposed Ordinance Changes**

Jeanne Snider brought printouts of the ordinances that need language updated. There was a discussion about the exotic animal ordinance and a discussion about putting together a smaller committee to write exact language for the updates.

### **4. Discussion of Ordinances for Protection of Domestic Animals Other than Dogs and Cats**

Inger G. spoke about her experience with two dogs in her neighborhood that attacked and killed her goats. There was a discussion about the process for deeming an animal vicious, and what can and cannot be done under the law to protect one's property and pets.

## **CALL FOR SEPTEMBER AGENDA ITEMS**

Agenda Items for next meeting include the Volunteer of the Year nomination and ordinance changes.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

There were no miscellaneous comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

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