

# OFFICIAL

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 20, 2010  
7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gail Nagan  
Marylin Wittmer  
Debra Garrambone  
Gayle Hair  
Dr. Joe Vaughan, Chairman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathleen Prince  
Keith Weissman

**OTHERS:** Morgan Woodward, Animal Services Manager  
Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney  
Elaine RiCharde, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held July 20, 2010, at 7:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 150 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

**I. Call to Order.**

Dr. Vaughan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. Roll Call.**

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk to the Board. A quorum was present.

**III. Minutes: March 25, 2010.**

Motion by Ms. Wittmer to approve the minutes. Second by Ms. Hair.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Public Commentary**

No speaker forms were submitted to the Clerk.

**V. Old Business.**

**A. Review Proposed Seminole County Animal Ordinance.**

1. Section 20.12 through 20.18 and Section 20.37 (initially reviewed on 3/25/10).

Morgan Woodward, Animal Services Manager, introduced himself to the Board and asked if there were any questions relative to this item.

Ms. Nagan spoke to the use of a fixed point restraining device relative to temperature, in particular that the temperature range is not breed specific. There was a consensus the temperature range is a generalization and sufficient.

Debra Garrambone joined the meeting at 7:07 PM.

## VI. New Business.

### A. Review Revised Seminole County Code, Chapter 20, Animal Ordinance.

Ms. Hair spoke to adding an education component in lieu of a citation and offered to work with staff to develop such a program. Mr. Woodward welcomed her suggestion and will work with her to explore this idea.

Ms. Nagan suggested including bestiality in the ordinance. Ms. Colby did not recommend this.

There was discussion regarding Section 20.30(b) relative to providing shelter for livestock and the language being too restrictive. Mr. Woodward will re-write this section.

Ms. Wittmer spoke to Section 20.31(a) relative to a restraining device (leash) not to exceed six (6) feet in length. Ms. Colby said the language is sufficient as it speaks to a restraining device used by the general population.

Ms. Nagan spoke to Section 20.31(b) relative to an animal at large. She objected to the new language "by written consent" and asked to reinstate the current language "by express or implied consent." Ms. Colby said the current language is not enforceable.

Ms. Nagan spoke to Section 20.36 (a) relative to the estrus cycle and the language "except for intentional breeding purposes". She asked to include language that speaks to licensed breeders. Ms. Colby advised there are no State laws making provisions for licensed breeders.

Ms. Garrambone suggested the ordinance should include a provision making it illegal to sell puppies and kittens from residential property. There was no discussion on this suggestion.

B. Future Agenda Items.

No future agenda items were suggested other than continued review of the proposed revised ordinance.

VII. Reports.

- A. Transport Statistics.
- B. Euthanasia Statistics.
- C. Customer Contact Statistics.
- D. Pet Data, Inc. Statistics.

The Board reviewed and discussed these reports.

Mr. Woodward announced outsourcing the pet license program was re-bid and Pet Data, Inc. won the bid. This contract will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on July 27, 2010, for their consent and approval.

VIII. Confirmation of Next Meeting.

- September 9, 2010
- December 9, 2010
- March 10, 2011

Dr. Vaughan reviewed the meeting dates. Ms. Wittmer advised she will not be able to attend the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Vaughan directed the Clerk to poll the Board closer to that date to determine if a quorum will be met or in the alternative to select another date.

IX. Adjournment.

Motion by Ms. Wittmer to adjourn the meeting at 8: 07 PM. Second by Ms. Garrambone. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board

## MINUTES ADDENDUM

At the September 9, 2010, Animal Control Board meeting Gail Nagan said the minutes of the July 20, 2010, Animal Control Board meeting failed to include some things she mentioned at that meeting. There was a motion, second and vote to approve the July 20, 2010, minutes, and per Ms. Nagan's request, with the corrections prepared by Ms. Nagan added as an addendum to the minutes to thereby include her remarks that were neither taken up by nor voted upon by the Board. Following are Ms. Nagan's corrections.

Gail Nagan mentioned that bestiality is not illegal in Florida. She suggested adding bestiality to the anti-cruelty ordinance which would make it illegal in Seminole County. Ms. Colby did not recommend this.

Some items are not in the minutes:

Gail Nagan suggested having statistics on where the animals at SCAS are coming from. She suggested that if animals are coming in from the same places over and over, people in the community would volunteer to educate the people, and offer to fix their pets and or ferals in the area. She mentioned that you have to know where the problem is in order to fix it.

Gail Nagan suggested that if people allow their pets to roam off of their property, we should have an Ordinance that they must be fixed.

Gail Nagan mentioned that she thought the euthanasia categories on the euth stat chart, was describing the animals euthanized, but not the reason they were euthanized. She mentioned that having "space" as a category would lead the public to believe that hardly any are put down due to their being too many and not enough room to keep them until adopted. She suggested removing the "space" category, since she feels that just about all are put down due to lack of space or funding. She mentioned that the "space" category would make it more difficult to educate people why they should fix their pets, if per the chart there is not a space problem.