

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

**January 17, 2008
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debra Garrambone, Chairman
Chris LaSage, Vice Chairman
Marylin Wittmer
Lisa Giltner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Lewis
Dr. DeHaven Batchelor
Bill Shaffer

OTHERS: T. E. Stone, Director of Public Safety
Mary Beth Lake, Animal Shelter Manager
Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney
Cheryl Turner, Acting Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held January 17, 2008, at 7:00 PM, at the Animal Services Shelter Conference Room, 232 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Acting Clerk to the Board. There being a quorum present, Chairman Garrambone called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

III. Public Hearings.

Chairman Garrambone announced there were no public hearings on the agenda.

IV. Old Business.

Chairman Garrambone announced there was no old business on the agenda.

V. New Business.

A. Presentation by Carla Wilson RE: Chained Dog Ordinance

Carla Wilson, 702 Heather Lane, Winter Springs, stated her name for the record. Ms. Wilson desires the Board of County Commissioners to pass an ordinance speaking to chained dogs. She distributed printed material on the subject and made a presentation to the Board. There followed a discussion among the Board members to include questions for Ms. Wilson.

Tad Stone, Director of Public Safety, addressed the Board. He said a dog tethering ordinance deals with two issues. The first issue is dogs being subjected to real or perceived inhumane conditions. And second, the public safety issue whereby tethered dogs become more aggressive over time. Mr. Stone advised dog tethering is addressed in his revision of the County's animal ordinance. There was a consensus to support the inclusion of a dog tethering section in the animal ordinance.

Mary Beth Lake, Animal Shelter Manager, answered questions from the Board about complaint calls on tethered dogs.

Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney, answered questions from the Board about a dog tethering ordinance.

Chairman Garrambone called for public commentary on Ms. Wilson's presentation.

Gail Nagan, 227 Everest Point, #133, Casselberry, suggested volunteers could monitor compliance if a dog tethering ordinance is enacted. Ms. Colby said volunteers could not be used for enforcement purposes.

Madeleine MacKenzie, 707 Glasgow Court, Winter Springs, suggested a tethering ordinance should include a means to provide financial assistance for residents who cannot afford to comply with the ordinance.

VI. Reports.

Mary Beth Lake advised construction of the isolation kennel, a prefabricated building, is underway. The fire rebuild construction project is ready to go out for bid.

Tad Stone advised the mobile spay/neuter agreement with the SPCA of Central Florida, Inc. is awaiting approval by the SPCA Board of Directors.

VII. Public Commentary.

Chairman Garrambone called for public commentary. There was none.

VIII. Minutes: March 15, 2007.

IX. Minutes: June 14, 2007.

X. Minutes: July 30, 2007.

Motion by Ms. Giltner to table approval of the minutes from March 15, 2007, June 14, 2007, and July 30, 2007 until the next meeting. Second by Ms. LaSage. The motion passed.

XI. Confirmation of Next Meeting March 13, 2008.

The Board confirmed March 13, 2008, as their next meeting date.

Mr. Stone advised Francoise Agar will be on the March 13th agenda to discuss feral cat issues.

Mr. Stone advised the Board needs to address the conflicts between their Rules of Procedure and the code. Chairman Garrambone responded the rules will be discussed at the March 13th meeting.

Mr. Stone suggested holding Board meetings at the Public Safety Building where adequate facilities are available to conduct public meetings.

X. Adjournment.

Motion by Ms. Giltner to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Second by Ms. Wittmer. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board