

SEMINOLE COUNTY  
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2015  
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bryan Wilson  
Marianne King  
Therese Dickinson  
Stephen Browne  
Dr. Stephen Wiseman, DVM

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gayle Hair  
Heather Smith

OTHERS: Bob Hunter, Animal Services Manager  
Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney  
Denise Sims, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held September 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 100 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

Stephen Browne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk. A quorum was met.

III. Minutes: June 11, 2015.

Stephen Browne called for review of the minutes. Therese Dickinson motioned to approve the minutes. Marianne King seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

IV. Public Commentary.

Stephen Browne announced that the Board would take public commentary and called for the first speaker.

Nick Maas, 4872 Shoreline Cir, Sanford, spoke before the Board about reducing euthanasia rates in Seminole County, through other avenues such as live release, adoption, and rescue groups.

Andy Ayoob, 572 Seminole Woods Blvd, Geneva, spoke before the Board about Spay-n-Save statistics for low cost spay/neuter and how spay/neuter helps to lower the intake for Animal control. He provided the Board with graph charts for visual reference.

Belle Swaim, 300 Cherokee Ct, Altamonte Springs, spoke before the Board and referred to high euthanasia statistics in Seminole County as compared to Lake County and Brevard County.

Phyllis Ayoob, 572 Seminole Woods Blvd, Geneva, spoke before the Board referenced the Million Cat Challenge, and provided handouts with links to Maddie's Fund information.

Carla Wilson, 702 Heather Ln, Winter Springs, spoke before the Board and referenced statistical changes and an on-line petition with 2000 citizen's signatures.

Christine Morgan, 300 Rose Dr, Sanford, spoke before the Board and referenced the work Seminole County Animal Services Kennel Staff has done to lower the euthanasia statistics, and increase adoption statistics.

Erica Daniels, (Dolly's Foundation), 383 Old Geneva Rd, Geneva, spoke before the Board about statistics of Spay/Neuter in most needed areas of Seminole County, and the effects on intakes at Seminole County Animal Services. Also mentioned the RTO program in partnership with Seminole County and Dolly's Foundation.

Judy Sarullo, (Pet Rescue by Judy), 401 S Laurel Ave, spoke before the Board against TNR, and cited Community acceptance and poor management as the cause of injury and illness among cats.

Jennifer Ferguson, 113 Lakeridge Cir, Sanford, spoke before the Board and referenced animal statistics from Lake County and the influence Seminole County has on those statistics.

V. Old Business.

A. Discussion of Roles and Responsibilities of the Animal Control Board Members

- Ann Colby, Attorney to the Board, gave a summary review of “*The Florida Sunshine Law, Ethics and Public Records Law*” as it pertained to the Animal Control Board.  
Ann Colby passed out a copy of an upcoming bill in the Florida Legislature that referenced their duties for Dangerous Dog Hearings.

A. Follow up of Animal Services initiatives.

- Bob Hunter discussed follow up on the Animal Control Board requested items from previous meeting which was included within the agenda backup.
- Bryan Wilson questioned Mr. Hunter with regard to the three (3) amended rescue agreements. Mr. Hunter explained that this was due to offsite housing of the animals for adoption events.
- Bob Hunter updated the Board on the acceptance of credit card donations via the internet, and that Animal Services is currently accepting credit card donation in the office during normal business hours.
- Bob Hunter discussed the new design for renewal of tags post card through Pet Data, and these post cards will be in use as soon as current stock has been depleted
- Bob Hunter also spoke to the Board about the request for a Shelter Tour, and informed the Board that they would benefit more from a tour during regular business hours and could contact him to arrange it. The Board members agreed to individual tours.

VI. New Business

A. Introduction of New Board Member.

- Board was introduced to the new member of the Board, Dr Stephen Wiseman, DVM.

B. Animal Services Initiatives (Bob Hunter).

- Addressed the Board regarding Animal Services’ new Cisco phone system and provided statistics for the amount of calls

received on the new system since the installation for areas of the Front Office and Dispatch Office

- Also spoke of upcoming HSUS Animal Cruelty Training opportunities for Animal Control Personnel
- Also spoke of the pending Tag Day (10/25) that he was awaiting approval from County Manager's Office.

#### C. Community Events (Diane Gagliano).

- Spoke regarding the upcoming event with TEARS, Sit – Sip – Stay in Lake Mary to raise funds to assist with animals in need of extra medical.
- Spoke regarding TEARS partnering with Seminole County Animal Services, during the Subaru Home Town Charity Event.
- Spoke of the success of the most recent adoption event (17.76). The Board asked for the statistics from that event, which will be provided at a later time.
- Spoke about the upcoming event to celebrate Pet Co 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event with offsite adoptions.
- Spoke about a new upcoming event in October called 10/31, where cat adoptions would be \$10.00 and dog adoptions would be \$31.00.
- Gave the current stats for foster care, with 71 animals currently in 21 foster homes.
- She also spoke of the upcoming volunteer orientation that was taking place and invited anyone at the meeting to come and be a volunteer.

#### D. Future Agenda Items

- Bryan Wilson suggested the Board create a goal for Animal Services increasing live release rate to 90%. This suggestion was met with questions from Chairman Stephen Browne as to how this would be accomplished. After much debate it was determined that each member should research and bring possible suggestions to obtain a goal like this to the next meeting. Ideas were discussed as to volunteers helping with educational programs, and the increase of foster homes. Also the increase of community awareness (PR campaign).
- Bob Hunter reminded Board that Pet Rescue Agreements ensure that groups can properly care for transferred animals.
- Bob Hunter requested recognition for Animal Services Staff, who make an effort each day to help animals. Also commented that negativity via social media does not help in changing the perception of Animal Services.

- Dr Wiseman spoke regarding changes in Animal Services over the last 15 years since his previous time on the Board, and agreed the first thing is to change the image of what Animal Control is about, stating that previous bad publicity is what the public is stuck on.

VII. Reports.

A. Kennel Statistics (Intakes & Outcomes).

B. Pet Data, Inc. Statistics - County Tag/License Purchases.

VIII Confirmation of Next Meeting(s).

- Thursday December 10, 2015

Meeting dates were confirmed; no scheduling conflicts at this time.

IX. Adjournment.

Marianne King motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board