

Jasper County Animal Shelter  
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Animal Control Board Meeting Minutes  
APRIL 8th, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Brooke Scheurich at 6:00 P.M. CST

The Jasper County Animal Control Board met on this date. The meeting was held at the Jasper County Health Department. The following Board members were present: Brooke Scheurich, Leda Fedor, Holly Eldridge, Alex Hamilton, Shelly Conley, Tammy Burkett and Shelter Director Tori Nuest. There were five Jasper County Residents present in the audience, including Commissioner Jeff Deyoung and State Trooper Jones.

Minutes from the meeting on March 18th 2024 were emailed and reviewed. Brooke Scheurich made a motion to approve these minutes, Alex Hamilton 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved.

Director Tori Nuest stated that in the month of March there were 19 dogs and 2 cats brought in. Bringing the total animals for the month to 21. 3 dogs were adopted, 4 cats were adopted. There were 8 dogs reclaimed, 0 animals were euthanized. 2 dogs were transferred to Missouri Min Pin Rescue, and 1 was transferred to Rover Rescue in Chicago This brought the month end animals out to 18.

Average time in the shelter year to date is 18 days for cats and 11 days for dogs.

March 2024, Animal Control responded to a total of 16 calls (7 after hours):

- 6 animals at large
- 2 sick/injured animal
- 3 JCSD/DNR/RPD requesting assistance/pick up
- 3 dog bites
- 2 stray dogs needed pick up
- 1 verbal warning was given
- 8 citations were issued

For the month of March there were 6 volunteer hours reported. One of the two volunteers walked the dogs and spent time socializing them. Another volunteer socialized the animals and helped the officers with chores.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tori Nuest stated that with all the rain, the outdoor enclosures are muddy and pose a tape worm threat to the dogs. The new fence / fence repair that Pound to Pillow donated is working well. Tori Nuest spoke about how the current tranquilizer gun is old and not operating accurately. She

plans to purchase a new tranquilizer gun using donations funds. She will properly dismantle and dispose of the old one, per Officer Hamilton's request. It was also mentioned that the shelter would like to accept credit card donations. At this time that is not possible and the board plans to look into different ways to set this up if possible with the county.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A new Vice President was voted on. Tammy nominated Officer Hamilton as vice president. Brooke asked the board who is all in favor of this nomination, the board members were all in agreement. Officer Hamilton accepted the role as Vice President. Tori stated that this month, all the smoke detectors in the shelter have been serviced. There was another fire extinguisher added to the facility making the total fire extinguishers on the premises, 4. During this month the shelter's washing machine broke down and for 2 days the shelter did not have a running washer. It has since been replaced and the new machine is working great. Tori stated that the Ford Explorer emergency lights are not visible in all types of road conditions. Tori will be on leave from April 24-May 6. This time off was approved by the commissioners. There will be an on call rotation during this time. New radios for the officer's uniform are being looked into and ordered so the officer has more point of contact when out on calls. Tammy is waiting for more information on the radio system. It was brought up that dispatch should be contacted before any of the animal control officers respond to a call to ensure the county knows the animal control officer's whereabouts. Awards for outstanding efforts were awarded to Officer Jones for his outstanding efforts on a call responded to in the month of March. The board and Commissioner Jeff Deyoung thanked him for his service. As well as an award to Officer Nuestr for her exemplary efforts in the line of duty.

5 Jasper County Residents were in attendance. One of the public attendees stood up and asked why the county still has not built a new shelter building. They had mentioned that they have lived in this county for a long time and are shocked that the current building is still in operation despite the size and condition. Another attendee stood up and asked what the lead time for the new radio for the officers would be.

Brooke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alex 2nd the motion. Brooke Scheurich witnessed the adjournment and approved it. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

Jasper County Animal Shelter, Next meeting is scheduled:

Monday, May 13th, 2024

6pm Central Time

Jasper County Health Department

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