

Jasper County Animal Shelter  
2430 W Clark Street  
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Animal Control Board Meeting Minutes  
MAY 13th, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:03 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, Holly Eldridge, Alex Hamilton, Shelly Conley, Tammy Burkett and Shelter Director Tori Nuest. There were two Jasper County Residents present in the audience.

Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed and reviewed. Tori made a motion to approve these minutes, Brooke 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved.

Director Tori Nuest stated that in the month of April we took in 12 cats and 22 dogs. Bringing the total animals for the month to 34. 8 dogs were adopted, 7 cats were adopted. 2 dogs were transferred to Pound to Pillow. 1 dog euthanized due to it being dumped at fair oaks. Dr Mallory examined and found this dog, Raven had a torn CCL, eye disease, and poor quality of life. SWE had the state vet come and examine the following day, her findings were the same and agreed with Dr. Mallory. This brought our total animals out to 37.

APRIL 2024, Animal Control responded to a total of 37 calls (3 after hours):

- 5 aggressive dogs running at large
- 9 dogs running at large
- 1 sick/injured animals p/u
- 4 JCSD/ISP/DPD requesting assistance/ Pick up/Hold
- 11 dog bites
- 2 neglect
- 1 stray p/u
- 18 citations were issued
- 4 dangerous dog contracts were issued-3 Rensselaer 1 Demotte

For the month of March there were 4 volunteer hours reported, dog walking. 3 hours of Community Service recorded. -morning

NEW BUSINESS:

Open House sometime in August, tabled until next meeting. Microchip clinic starts June 7th - Rick, Friends of Jasper County Animal Shelter President, suggested doing a 1 month free microchip (4 consecutive Fridays) at first then moving to charging \$10 for a basic 24 pet watch and \$20 for a Buddy ID. Tori agreed. Tori discussed reaching out to local businesses to give back and asked for the board to email with any ideas. Shelly asked what our current adoption

rate was. I explained that it is \$50. If the animal is not up to date on shots. Rabies vaccination /S/N that their adoption would call to prepay for the animal's services and choose an adoption date then provide a receipt. Leda and Katia Fedor volunteered through Pound to Pillow to bring the 2 dogs, Mickey and Butterball, who were being fostered by a Jasper County Resident after the i65 truck driving shooting incident back to their home state after being told that the truck driver was healthy and released from St Vincent hospital in Indianapolis. His family had no way of transporting the dogs from where they were being fostered in Jasper County, back to their home state of Virginia. Pound to Pillow sponsored the traveling and volunteered to bring the dogs back home Sunday May 11-Monday May 12. Pound to Pillow raised \$145 in donations which was converted into a Tractor Supply Gift Card and given to the dog's owner. As well as: 2 dog beds, a large bag of dog food, food bowls, 2 halters, and 2 new leashes.

2 Jasper County Residents were in attendance. One of the public attendees stood up to tell the board of an incident that happened while walking her doberman. She went on to explain that while walking her dog, another dog ran out from a house and attacked her dog causing life threatening injuries. She appreciated all the animal control did, however, she was upset that more could not be done as the ordinances had been neglected since 1997. Tori relayed that the next steps would be to voice this to the commissioners and council. Start the very beginning stages of revising the ordinances and implementing new ones. From there the commissioners would have to approve them.

Tori made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brooke witnessed the adjournment and approved it. Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 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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