

Jasper County Animal Shelter
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Animal Control Board Meeting Minutes
June 10th, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:05 P.M. CST by Tori Nuest.

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: Holly Eldridge, Shelly Conley, Tammy Burkett, Leda Fedor and Shelter Director Tori Nuest. The President of the Friends of the Jasper County Animal Shelter were present. There were six Jasper County Residents present in the audience. Katia Fedor reporting minutes during the meeting.

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

Director Tori Nuest stated in the month of May 13 cats and 19 dogs were taken in. Bringing total animals for the month to 32.

The shelter adopted out 8 cats and 4 dogs. There were 9 dogs reclaimed. 2 dogs were euthanized due to being deemed dangerous and a threat to public safety. Both dogs were involved in attacks after hours. 4 cats were euthanized. 2 cats were brought to the animal control actively dying and were immediately euthanized as they were suffering, the other two cats had multiple reported bites on file with staff one bite landing an employee to urgent care and the other proceeded to attack an elderly volunteer unprovoked. This brought the month end total Animals Out to 27.

MAY 2024, Animal Control responded to a total of 26 calls (6 after hours):

2 aggressive dogs running at large

1 Animal left in a Vehicle

8 Dogs running at large

4 JCSD/ISP/DPD/RPD requesting assistance/ Pick up / Hold

8 dog bites

1 Neglect

2 stray p/u

16 citations were issued

For the month of March there were 10 volunteer hours reported: dog walking, lawn care, animal socialization. 3 hours of Community Service recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shelter Open House date chosen August 17. Tori mentioned that she is organizing a basket raffle. She is encouraging local businesses to donate baskets which can be raffled off during the open house as public engagement. This event is her way of motivating local businesses to get involved with the County Animal Control Shelter as well as allow the public to learn more about what the County Animal Control Shelter does. Thirteen people showed up to the microchip clinic. Tori brought up that the outdoor runs need to be finished. Her goal is to have the flooding issue remedied by winter. Members of the board suggested ideas to fix this problem, Tori is going to make phone calls to get quotes on the repair. Tori stated she would like to start gathering quotes to have the interior kennel runs epoxy sealed. A few of the board members brainstormed different options to paint/ epoxy interior kennel runs. Ryan Hilton, Craig Standish and Brian Moore stood in the public audience to support the county shelter and offered advice to help fix the flooding issue in the outdoor dog enclosures. After the meeting, Craig Standish, Ryan Hilton and Brian Moore asked the Board Members and Shelter Officer to give them a tour of the shelter facility and show them issues with the structure.

6 Jasper County Residents were in attendance including: Brian Moore, Ryan Hilton and Craig Standish. 2 attendees, Owner of Park Your Paws Boarding Kennel, donated a pressure washer to the Animal Control Shelter. Public comment made about using a drain snake to rid the outdoor tile/ gutter system of any debrews which may be causing the outdoor kennels to flood. Ryan Hilton asked Tori what type of marketing is used to promote adoptable animals / advertise for max exposure. Tori stated her main source of public engagement is Facebook. Brian Moore suggested a local business to help with maintenance and repairs needed at the shelter facility. Tori made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shelly witnessed the adjournment and approved it. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Jasper County Animal Shelter, Next meeting is scheduled:

Monday, July 8, 2024

6pm Central Time

Jasper County Health Department

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