

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Paradise Community Center
4775 McLeod Drive, Town Board Conference Room
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
February 5, 2009
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: ENGSTROM, CLARISSA NELSON (CE)
 PENNEY, JANNICE (JP)
 SANTORO, CAROL (CS)
 STOBERSKI, HOLLY (HS)

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **Approval of agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.

3. **Approval of December 30, 2008 Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded.

4. **Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Motion to name Clarissa Engstrom as chair was made and seconded. Motion for Holly Stoberski to be vice chair was made and seconded.

5. **Appoint a subcommittee consisting of two Committee members and two members of the public to review Title 10 with Commissioner Giunchigliani and to report back to the Board**

DM – we were advised by the Commissioner that if there are multiple people, we can simply submit a list of those people who are interested. I will need those people to come up and give their name and address at the podium. I got a call from Dr. Myra Glassman that she would like to work on the subcommittee.

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6. Information-sharing by Committee Members

CS – secretary of LV Bull Dog Club for 13 years, active in rescue program, works for Metro for 17 years and was a police officer in Chicago for 10 years; CE – Veterinarian; HS – attorney in LV for 17 years, involved with non-profit orgs in town, with HCW for 8 years; JP – represents equines, raised in the valley, grew up on a ranch.

DM – at the last meeting you asked for some info on Dangerous Dog Permits. I have done some research and of the dangerous permits that have been issued, we have only had 2 problems. One case that is currently under investigation, the owner of the dog did not renew his permit and the dog has subsequently gotten out and attacked another dog. This is currently under investigation. The second the dog was in his backyard outside of an enclosure. We did not observe this violation and the case is currently closed.

7. Comments by the General Public

KAREN LAYNE asked status of s/n proposal AAC passed last quarter in 2008. DM – I will have to do some research and we will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

PETER KARAGINES (PK) would like an ordinance change. Leash law for cats and dogs. Cats are different than dogs. Would like to proposal cats being exempt from leash law. Cats climb fences. Currently you can bait traps to catch the cats but people's pets are being caught and I don't think that is the spirit of the law. Stray cats should be caught and taken care of. DM the law applies to dogs, cats, horses and other animals except than feral cats. PK – I have an ordinance from CA, Sacramento and Fresno.

KEITH WILLIAMS according to 10.06 feral cats are exempt from leash law as long as they are properly managed in a feral cat colony. These is a new ordinance for us and are currently in t eh process of outreaching to individuals and communities who are having problems with feral cat, who are trying to help feral cats. We have resources for training, trapping, s/n resources. We were out in your community trying to solve this and hopefully the people in your community will get with the program and we will be able to solve this in a humane and acceptable manner.

SHIRLEY BRAVERMAN is working with Keith and other feral cat colonies working to have them register the colonies. Picked up 7 or 8 cats that have been returned to their colonies. AC is now calling us and if we can recognize where the cat is, it can be returned. We are working at a mobile home park where they are working on a feral cat committee. We have grants for potty stations and feeding stations.

LINDA KARAGINES has a couple cats, one just wondered into our yard. In our neighborhood there are a lot of cats that are pets that are being caught. That Sacramento law states cats are allowed to roam.

It is their nature. All the animals taken to the shelter and kids cats, family cats being euthanized. This ordinance needs to be looked at. We have an overabundance of animals in the shelter.

JUDY ERICKSON believes if we had mandatory s/n there wouldn't be so many cats.

DEBBI GOLDING attended September meeting and saw someone turn in 300 vouchers. I know jury is still out on mandatory s/n issue but wonder what measures need to be taken in order to implement s/n for dogs. The last rescue I took it for s/n was a little under \$400. I do breed occasionally. I show what I breed. Dog owners would like to know there are options out there.

DM – the voucher program is for dogs and cats and the vouchers turned back in happened to be from a cat organization. You have to be a 501c3 to qualify for the funds.

KEN SONDEJ – mandatory s/n – veterinary association in the state of IL is against mandatory s/n. Cited many studies. Last year, CA Veterinary Assn came out against mandatory s/n. Enough evidence to warrant mandatory s/n as a problem. Animals are dying and it should be left between owner and veterinarian. Who can say that at 3 months it is safe to s/n every specific breed when breeds mature at different ages? Early s/n affects immune system, growth patterns.

GINA GREISON passed out Assembly Bill 15 sponsored by Mark Manendo. I was at the dog park with my dog and thought Clark County had a s/n ordinance. A dog peed on my dog and I told her she should neuter her dog and he would probably be a better boy. Her response was that she takes her dog to the vet all the time and he has never suggested it. If there is an applicable sterilization requirement it should be posted because most people really don't know. We get through things by education and information. I would appreciate your support on this and hope this committee will pass the s/n ordinance. Attacks and dog bites are always unsterilized animals.

8. Set date, time and agenda of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 6:30 at Paradise Community Center.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.