CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
Paradise Community Center
4775 McLeod Drive, Town Board Conference Room
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
March 11, 2010
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CONNELL, MICHAEL (MC)
ENGSTROM, CLARISSA NELSON (CE)
PENNEY, JANNICE (JP)
SMITH, STEPHANIE (SS)
STOBERSKI, HOLLY (HS)
GREISEN, ERIKA (EG)

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda
A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.

3. Approval of February 25, 2010 Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded.


DAVE MARCH (DM) AC responded to a call that two dogs had killed a third dog in the Pentagon neighborhood. There are statements in Spanish that have been translated into English and verified for accuracy. The woman took her dog out to go to the bathroom and before she could go anything, two dogs ran up and killed her dog. You have been provided with photographs of the dogs running loose as well as photos from the veterinary office showing the nature of the internal injuries on the dog that was attacked. Based on County Code and the killing of the dog, the dogs were deemed vicious by CCAC. We are here for the male dog.

NICOLE LOPEZ-KINCADE (NK) - My dog was raised in an apartment complex and I had to move and couldn’t keep him there so I kept him at a friend’s house. They ended up having babies and he is not a mean dog. I have six kids and never had problems with this. At this time, I am unable to take care of him because I had to move to another apartment. If I can’t keep him, I would like him to be adopted out. He is a very good dog and was just following the other dog. I don’t understand how they got out from the house. He is a teddy bear. HS in reviewing the report, they note the other dog was across the street and when the officers arrived, the tan dog ran back into the house of your friend and the front door was wide open. CE is there a reason you didn’t neuter him. NK – I wanted more babies. He is a rare dog. CE - do you know about the new regulation about s/n? NK – now I do. I didn’t at the time. We treated him like family. CE – you can’t take him now and he is not adoptable because of a liability issue. NK – he wasn’t the one that killed the dog. CE the witness whose dog died said her dog was being pulled apart by both of the dogs. HS – the owner clearly says both dogs attacked her dog and she tried to get them to drop her dog but they wouldn’t. SS – the lady had to watch her dog be murdered. That is the problem that lies before us and you can’t guarantee that you can take care of this dog. The dog cannot be adopted out. DM – the animal cannot be transferred to anyone. If it is vicious, no one can have it. If it gets reduced to
dangerous, only she can have the dog. It cannot be transferred to anyone else. JP this whole thing is sad. The worst part is the dog got out and hurt someone else’s dog. For me, to pass this dog on to another family member is not something I am willing to do. Anybody that knows behaviors knows it will happen again. You don’t start with Pits and you don’t breed them because they are cool. It is a lot of dog and it is like having a loaded gun and it can hurt or kill people. You have to take responsibility for this action. Pets are good for your health and family but you have to respect what you have. Both of these dogs are the culprits of an attack off lease. They are not s/n. We have to remember it is our responsibility when we take them on. SS - can she say goodbye? DM She can say goodbye beforehand. NK – will I be notified when he will be put down? If they uphold the vicious, we wait five days to allow you an opportunity to file with the Court. SS – it is not really the animal’s fault. NK – could you apologize to the people who had their dog killed. Motion to uphold vicious declaration. Motion is seconded. All in favor.

5. Further Discuss And Adopt Title 10 Changes For Referral To BCC For Public Hearing

KEN SONDEJ – 10.04.125 all dogs must be registered with the AKC. That would determine if a breeder is an AKC breeder. That paperwork is available. HS – breeder should have a letter saying they are certified or approved.

BRUCE HALSTEAD – 10.04.190 is very confusing. SS – they are just changing the name and updating the language.

KAREN LAYNE (KL) - unclear on breeder issue because it talks about between 3 and 8. When we discussed the s/n ordinance, a lot of people were talking about their one dog. How does this fit in? If you have 8 animals and one litter a year, that’s a lot of animals. Also, on the anti-tethering I think there was some discussion about being over 85 degrees. I don’t think we need to bring the dog inside as long as we provide additional cooling. HS I think when we get to 10.32.140 that’s when we add the heat alert.

JANA WRIGHT (JW)- At the last BCC meeting, the Commissioners revamped how Park Police works and my understanding is AC is going to be handling some issues in Parks. Is that true Dave? DM – I don’t have any details on what that is going to look like. If that change is put back in, it would mean we are required to respond at all parks for dogs not on a leash. SS- we will need to look at that. JW- Page 4, confidential information I understood that needed to be kept. DM – None of our records are confidential.

That is not to say that records we have access to have to be disclosed. For instance we have access to records from HCW. We don’t have to disclose his records. We can’t say our records are confidential.

JW – page 5 under dealer, I think we should add exports. Page 6, the a,b,c part does it match the s/n language. HS – it does but I will go through it one more time to clarify it. JW – page 8, pet fancier permits, perhaps instead of license it should say permit. Page 9, retailer, I would add exports. Also Janice Ridondo asked me to make a couple comments on her behalf. On page 3, Breeder, she thinks breeders should rescue. Page 7, under pet, Janice would like to add “and/or companionship” after enjoyment. Page 8, she is asking 10.04.245 for pet pig fancier to be added. On page 9 in the retailer definition she wants it to say “any animal”.

LOU TOOMIN (LT) – on page 3, what is rational for the $250 check of the premise. SS – it has not been adopted yet. LT – why do you need to collect $250 every year to inspect the premises. SS – we will make it a rhetorical question when we discuss it. LT on page 5 10.04.175, what do they do with the ashes? SS – I have no idea. DM – I think the idea is once they are cremated they are no longer an animal. They are cremated to fill EPA requirements. They dispose of the ashes. LT - Page 6 regarding veterinary certification, why is that exemption only valid for one year? If aged animal, he will only get older. SS – not all are exempt due to age. CE – it says medical condition or advanced age. LT – page 8 $100 fee.

CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI (Chris G) – 10.04.175 should not be “and no animal shall be dumped in the
trash and shall be cremated.” You should flip it the other way so it ends with must be cremated. Some contractors are still dumping in to the landfill or into trash bins. Fix that phrasing. With the sterilization, we wanted the exemption to include being too young as well as advanced aging. We missed that component. Maybe the issue is age generically. The reason for the one-year requirement is that eventually they will all have to be s/n. They are not permanently exempted so you want to take out advanced. MC when can an aged dog become, say he is eleven, twelve years old and he is too old to be s/n. CE has neutered a sixteen-year-old dog. Sometimes they are never too old. Chris G – it is the medical condition that would be the rationale. We want to make sure we get the breeder language adopted to the Commission so that when it becomes law, I don’t want people stuck out there on May 10, 2010. MC in accordance with SS’s request to clarify the language, I added 10.04.130, I make a motion to rescind existing Breeder Dog Permit and with the fees that were put out last time, I recommend it be put at $100 to fall in line with NLV, CLV and all the other permits.

GINA GREISEN (GG) – Because of the concerns I had with the dog running at large, I just want to make sure when we add additional duties to AC, in what order of priority would issues like this be addressed. There are certain thing they are required to do but adding additional things like the pig fancier permit but now writing tickets in the parks and park police doesn’t do that duty any more. SS – while it is related to what we are proposing here, we don’t set policy and we don’t set priorities so save this for public comment. GG – looking at these additional duties I want to make sure it is something AC can handle these things. What is the level of priority? SS – all we are doing is revisiting the law. We are not doing policy this evening.

CRYSTAL KIMHAN assumes Title 10 will go with Title 30 and would like to see something put in for the pigs. JP – how many veterinarians are willing to work on them. CE – Dr. Kendra at Sunset Eastern is the best.

SS – 10.04.035 – Motion to approve as amended. Motion seconded. 10.04.040 – Motion to approve as amended. Motion seconded. 10.04.060 – Motion to adopt as amended, adopted. 10.04.070 – Motion to reject change. Motion seconded. 10.04.080 – Motion to adopt as amended, adopted. 10.04.085 Motion to approve as amended, adopted. 10.04.090 – Motion to adopt as amended, adopted. 10.04.100 Motion to approve as amended but adding language regarding animals in parks that was crossed out. Adopted.

10.04.130 Motion to adopt with …“up to, but no more than 8”…provided that the “owner is registered”……”cannot breed a female dog until she is eighteen months old“ … annual service charge of One Hundred ($100) Dollars”…… Adopted.

10.04.135 Motion to bring back at next meeting with additional information. Adopted. 10.04.140 Motion to bring back at next meeting with additional information. 10.04.145 – Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.150 …warning, the animal, excluding hoofstock and poultry”…Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.170 add word “exports” Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.175 Any dead animal that “is”……“shall not be disposed of in any trash or landfill and must be cremated” Motion to adopted as amended. Adopted. 10.04.182 Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.185 Motion to bring back at next meeting with additional information. Adopted. 10.04.190 means a”n animal”…. Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.200 Motion to approve. Adopted. 10.04.210 Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.213 Motion to bring back at next meeting with additional information. Adopted. 10.04.242 add “companionship” after enjoyment. Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.244 Change license to “permit”; delete “cattery”. Motion to adopt with amendments. Adopted. 10.04.0246 Change license to “permit”. Motion to adopt with amendment. Adopted.

10.04.247 Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.253 Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.255 “…trades, imports or exports animals for sale”; change dog or cat to “animal, excluding mice”. Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.275 Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.300
Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted.

10.04.320 Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.04.330 Amend to ……“with which they have a relationship.” Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.06.010 Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted. 10.06.030 Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted.

10.04.125 A breeder is anyone who has a Breeder/Show Permit. Motion to adopt as amended. Adopted.

6. Comments by the General Public

If someone receives compensation for rehoming an animal, is that a dealer? SS – it is an adoption, not a sale. SS – Motion to rescind vote for 10.040.170. Seconded. Dealer means…..take out “compensation or”…..”imports animals for sale.” Motion to approve as currently changed. Seconded.

CRYSTAL KIMHAN – in Title 30 they are allowed to breed pigs. SS – take a lot at what we did for cats and dogs and see what we can mirror.

LT - why can’t a veterinarian exemption be good for more than one year. SS – we left that for additional information. 10.04.100 – the word effective needs to be defined and who determines what is effective and what is not effective? SS – take it up with the County Commission.

GG – 10.04.125 I am concerned that you took out written sales contract. CE – most breeders have a sales contract. HS motions to rescind vote on 10.04.125, motion seconded and approved. Motion to keep language requiring permit but add that “and provides a written sales contract to the purchaser.” Motion to approve made and seconded.

7. Set date, time and agenda of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 6:30 at Paradise Community Center.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.