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 March 11, 2010 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded.

4. Declawing of cats

JP – what are they doing and what are the rules. SS spoke with Dr. Henderson who told her he would be opposed to this law for several reasons. Some people for medical reasons cannot risk being scratched and clawed. There would be a list of other issues that came up before declawing such as cropping of ears and tails. His third issue would be enforcement. Who do you go after? Enforceability would be a nightmare. JANICE RIDONDO (JR) there are 25 countries that outlaw this. Vets can’t do it; if they get caught there are consequences. If we decide to discuss this and consider outlawing this, there are pros and cons. If you don’t want to get scratched, don’t get a cat. They come with claws. This should probably be NRS. Commissioner G received a few e-mails. SS even if you outlaw in the County, you still have the municipalities. JR that’s why it should be NRS. I guess we will wait to see what Commissioner G’s recommendation is. SS we need a lot more research.

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

10.04.100 – At Large – suggestion was made to delete “or effective control of a person.” HS motions to delete “or effective control of a person.” as suggested. Motion was seconded and passed.

10.04.125 – Breeder – suggestion was “breeder is someone who has acquired a breeder and/or show permit. JP – AKC wanted to add there be a letter of acceptance from the kennel club. “A breeder is a person who has acquired a breeder and/or a show permit.” Motion to adopt as amended. Seconded and passed.

10.04.135 – Breeder for Commercial sale or resale – MC – thinks reasonable time is vague and recommends 72 hours. “Proof from where each animal came” instead of proof of where each animal came from. Motion to change reasonable time to 72 hours and change wording as noted above in quotes.
Motion seconded and approved. Motion to rescind previous vote, seconded and passed. CE has concerns about breeders for commercial sale or resale opens the door up for puppy mills. Why do we have to have this? MC – this covers dealers and resale and brokers but I don’t see where they need a permit. This is a business. The breeder/show permit is for the hobbyist. It doesn’t state anything about licenses that would be required. SS if we want something here, we can stick it in the dealer part. Motion to delete 10.04.135 was passed.

10.04.140 – Cattery HS this is mirrored by the NRS. CE has a question about ten cats. MC confirms it says ten cats. This is a business and should not be required to show their animal. Either a commercial or business license required. SS They should be a dealer. We should say pursuant to NRS… CE motions to follow NRS statutes on this. Motion seconded and approved.

10.04.182 – Enclosure We are waiting for large animal info from JP. JP how do you regulate fencing of livestock animals in the valley vs. Title 30 which is the farm side of it? DAVID MARCH (DM) we use the requirements we have. An enclosure must be of sufficient size to allow the animal to stand upright, turn around and lie in a natural position. We refer those cases to CE for specifics under Title 30. They come out and review under that title. JP was trying to figure out if Title 30’s enclosure is a stock fence, the general public is not going to have access to stock fencing. A horse needs more room than a dog. I like the language written here. It is not a kennel. AC would be able to enforce if we leave it in this section. A lot of horses are in a lot less fencing than this. DM thinks anytime we look at duplication of service, it is not necessarily a good thing. As a citizen you may be facing a complaint from two organizations for the same possible violation. SS there are two issues, one is the humane issue of the animal which I think should be your domain and then the issues with neighbors which is CE. We should put language in here that if it is being inhumanely kept, you can address it and if it is bothering the neighbors, CE can enforce it. SS does anything here conflict with Title 30. If it doesn’t undermine Title 30, let’s adopt it. EG relates this to the tethering law. In the enclosure, it says it has to be able to turn around but you don’t say anything about how long you can confine them in the enclosure. What about when it urinates or does its business in that enclosed station if it is only big enough for it to turn around? DM – that is a separate issue. We have provisions for sanitation in the code as well as for if the size is too small. This merely defines what is an enclosure. There is the cruelty aspect and sanitation that gets into the other issues such as the length of time you can be in an enclosure. Tethering is a separate issue. SS just wants to define enclosure. Motion to adopt language as written was seconded and approved.

10.04.185 Exemption from sterilization HS revised language to mirror s/n ordinance. Motion to approve language was made, seconded and approved.

10.04.213 Kennel Commissioner G suggests reference NRS 574.280. Is there a reference to pursuant reference to NRS 574.280. Motion seconded and approved.

10.08.030 Vaccination certificates exemption permit. CE is there any exemption to animals dying of cancer. DM this is just a permit if your vet isn’t going to give it a rabies shot. CE motions to delete. Motion is seconded and approved.

10.08.040 Premises inspection. Motion to adopt language as amended. Motion seconded and approved.

10.08.070 Tagging dog or cat or ferret – Tag misuse. CE there are safety collars for cats and ferrets. HS motions to add words “safely and securely” and adding “add” while deleting “or”. Motion seconded and approved.

10.08.100 Vaccination register. Motion to adopt as amended. Seconded and approved.

10.08.130 Permit Ability to keep dogs and cats. KAREN LAYNE (KL) submitted language and is not in
favor of allowing rescue groups to have as many animals as they want. I know many groups want this but suggests when something happens to the rescue groups or individuals, then other rescue groups or animal control are left to deal with the animals. I would urge you to delete that if they are registered they don’t have to comply with this provision. HS people I have spoken with are not for this either. It is not in the best interest of the animals. I favor deleting the last sentence. SS amend as proposed, delete “control center”, delete second “animal shelter” and delete last proposed sentence in (a). Delete (b) and change (c) to (b). Motion to adopt as amended. Motion seconded and adopted with one opposed. Motion carries.

10.08.140 Sale of dogs or cats. HS suggested taking out the last proposed sentence. SS believes we should spell out what we mean by etc. HS suggests “including where the animal has been purchased” CE is the adoption fee considering “selling?” Motion to approve suggested changes, seconded and approved. MC opposed – Humane society wants to weed out the competition.

10.08.150 Breeders permit number must be displayed. CE suggests deleting “or pet dog or pet cat fanciers”. Motion made to adopt language with deletion. Motion seconded and approved.

10.08.160 Pet dog, pet cat fancier’s permit. SS wants to be consistent with apostrophe for breeders and fanciers. It should be unified. CE – we should take out “unsterilized” and change “regulation” to “control”. Motion made to approve with changes. Motion seconded and approved.

DM although there were no proposed changes to 10.08.170, the current language is talking about complying with Title 10.30 which is Professional Animal Standards and would suggest it be changed to say “breeder’s permit” otherwise the breeders are not complying with 10.30 and those who are not breeding are. Change language to replace “pet dog, pet cat fancier’s permit” with “breeder’s permit compliance.” Motion for change as amended. Motion seconded and approved.

10.08.190 Penalty. SS are we charging them enough? DM our concern would be that you consider excluding cruelty and vicious/dangerous from the provisions of civil penalties. AC is of the opinion that cruelty to animals should be a misdemeanor. Add “(e) this section excludes violations set forth in 10.16 and 10.32.” Motion to approve changes as suggested. Motion seconded and approved.

10.12.010 Rabies vaccination required when. Is there a motion to approve as amended. Motion made to approve. Motion seconded and approved.

10.12.030 Rabies vaccination certificate. Adds “electronically sent” and changes regulation to “control”. CE there are some low cost vaccines that do not give a numbered tag. DM believes it is a requirement under NAC that they provide a numbered tag. He will check into it. CE has seen clinics where you get a certificate but not a tag. Motion to adopt as amended. Motion seconded and approved.

10.12.040 Rabies vaccination certificate form. SS only change is “License No.” is deleted. Motion to adopt as amended, seconded and approved.

10.12.050 Posting requirement for rabies vaccination and pet identification. Motion to approve changes as amended. Motion seconded and approved.

10.16.30 Dangerous animals—Ownership permitted when. Motion to approve changes as amended. Motion seconded and approved.

10.20.50 Meetings. Motion to adopt seconded and approved.

10.20.060 Duties. SS suggests adding “May form” to beginning of (H). Motion to adopt language as
suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.20.070 Compensation. Motion to approve, seconded and approved.

10.24.010 Impounding dogs and cats violating regulations – Release procedures. Changes “regulation” to “control”. HS we may want to come back to this one as the Commissioner had a lot of comments so it may take a while.

10.24.020 Copulating season—Confinement required—Impoundment. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.24.030 Unsterilized impound—Charges—Release to owner. HS this goes with the one we just tabled. SS we will come back to it.

10.24.040 Voluntary impoundment. CE how do you qualify to foster. HS believes there is an application process you need to go through at Lied before you can become a foster. SS do we want to add what a foster roster is? KL – suggesting a “(d) All voluntarily impounded animals will be scanned for a microchip. Microchips which come back to humane rescue organizations in addition to the owners shall be noted. Rescue groups must be notified of these animals so that the group may reclaim the animal before it is euthanized. If microchip ownership is so noted, contact with the rescue group must be made before the animal is euthanized.” HS one of the issues is how do you prove ownership. DM difficulty becomes if someone tries to claim an animal that isn’t his or hers but is responsive to him or her. What happens when the owner comes in and you have let his or her pet go to someone else? CE – microchip, microchip, microchip. DM other agencies have to make a found report. They can euthanize animals provided they get 72 hours. JP if I have dogs or puppies not registered, I can’t show ownership except through my vet. DM they accept photographs as proof. CE microchip and register it. Motion made to approve as amended and to add language for (d) submitted by KL. Motion seconded and approved.

10.24.050 Duty of officer. 10.24.060 Right of entry. 10.24.070 Nonlethal means of capture. Motion to adopt language as suggested for three items noted above, motion seconded and approved.

10.24.080 Release of unclaimed dogs and cats and small animals. HS suggested taking last sentence in (a) and making it (b); changing (b) to (c), (c) to (d) and (d) to (e). Motion to adopt as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.24.090 Conditions for release of impounded dog or cat. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.24.100 Release—Vaccination and neutering or spaying. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.24.110 Release—Procedure. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.28.020 Biting animals—Reporting. 10.28.030 Biting animal—Confinement if vaccinated. 10.28.40 Biting animal—Confinement if at large or unvaccinated. 10.28.050 Rabies suspect—Confinement and release. 1028.060 Rabies suspect—Impoundment—Destruction. 10.28.080 Bitten animals. 10.28.090 Right of entry. 10.28.100 Duty of health and animal [regulation] control officers. and 10.28.110 Animal bite record. Motion to adopt language for nine items noted above as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

Motion to continue 10.30. BEVERLEE MCGRATH (BMc) from the Humane Society of the United States was hoping Committee would consider restricting breeders, kennels and operators to have no more than fifty (50) intact dogs at any one time. This is in response to the puppy mills. If you cannot do that,
at least restrict the cages so they should not be stacked and all have a solid floor. DM it is not currently in
the suggestions for 10.30 but are suggestions they would like to bring forward to add to the discussion for
10.30. Motion to separate out 10.30 and add proposed changes we received from BMc from the Humane
Society. Motion seconded and approved.

10.32.080 Found animal reporting. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and
approved.

10.32.100 Fighting. DM – we can’t have felonies or gross misdemeanors in County Code. Webcamming
might be something to put in such as taped, recorded, simulcast. I have found locations that do sell
DVD’s of cockfights. You might want to address possessing or selling these types of materials with
exclusion for law enforcement. SS believes law enforcement is already exempt. HS – are you suggesting
all of section 4 should be out? DM – it is a misdemeanor. SS can you move this to somewhere else. We
would not use it and request the DA to file charges. Spectator language should be changed. Motion to
add red language with following changes in (B)(1) add “ing” to fight; (2) Spectator….who is present or
views and delete as it progresses and 4 should read …is guilty of a misdemeanor. Motion to adopt
language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.32.110 Firing on. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.32.130 Depriving of sustenance, shelter or medical care. DM believes it is National Weather Service
not Center. Motion to adopt language as suggested using Service not Center. Motion seconded and
approved.

10.32.140 Enclosures and restraints. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and
approved. Motion to rescind adoption of language, seconded and approved. Motion to adopt language as
follows: red language omits “per day” and inserts “fourteen hours during a twenty-four (24) hour period”.
Motion seconded and approved.

10.32.150 Crating and boxing. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.32.170 Sale or gift in public place. Fines were added to language. Motion to adopt language as
suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.32.180 Promotional sale or gift. Change to sale, gift or “fundraiser” to title after gift. Motion to adopt
language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.32.240 Euthanasia—Misdemeanor. Motion made to reject new language, seconded and approved.

10.36.010 Noise annoyance. DM believes a determination that a violation has occurred before
proceeding. We cannot accept videotape. We have to see the violation. They are referred to mediation on
the second complaint. About 95 percent reach a settlement they can live with. “The fine for the first
offense is One Hundred ($100) Dollars. The fine for the second offense is Two Hundred Fifty ($250)
Dollars and the fine for all subsequent offenses will be Five Hundred ($500) Dollars.” Motion to adopt
language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.36.050 Strays, Other than Dogs and Cats-Impoundment. Motion to adopt language as suggested,
motion seconded and approved.

10.36.060 Strays, Other than Dogs and Cats-Disposition. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion
seconded and approved.
10.40.010 Deposit of collections—Source for expenses. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.40.020 Duty of officers. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.40.040 Violation – Penalty. DM – (2) suggests “unless otherwise provided for” to be added after “chapter shall be….” Add “in the” in (3) after “set forth….. citation.” Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.40.050 Authority to issue citations. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.24.010 Impounding dogs and cats violating regulations—Release procedure. KL if a feral cat is impounded in unincorporated Clark County, colony sponsor has opportunity to find out if it is from a registered colony. DM believes (e) is what they want regarding dogs and want an (f) for feral cats.

Motion made to accept changes as noted, change regulation to “control” in first paragraph, center to “shelter” twice in first paragraph. (a) … “upon payment of a microchip fee and an impound charge of twenty-five ($25) dollars for the first one, fifty ($50) dollars for the second confinement and one hundred ($100) dollars for subsequent confinements. “Delete impound charge for unsterilized dogs. Delete “at the option of the owner” after Fifteen dollars. Change center to shelter in (d). Also delete “in chameleon” in (d). Add (e) as written. Add (f) “A feral cat colony central sponsor will provide the shelter with contact information. The shelter will contact the central sponsor. The central sponsor will be given an additional 48 hours to rescue the feral cat and no board or impound fee will be charged.” Add (g) if an owner comes to reclaim their animal with insufficient proof of ownership, the owner will be given an additional twenty-four (24) hours to provide sufficient proof and the animal may not be euthanized within that twenty-four (24) hour period. Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.24.030 Unsterilized impound—Charges—release to owner. Proposal given by KL to change as follows:

“Delete (a) as indicated.

Delete new (b)

Make new (c) the new (a): If an unsterilized dog or cat (delete running at large) is impounded (not captured) by the animal control officer (delete as recommended for the second time), then an impound charge of one hundred dollars plus a board charge of ten dollars per day or portion thereof shall be charged by the county and the dog or cat must be sterilized at the owner’s expense prior to release from the animal shelter. Fees collected for impounds of dogs and cats shall be held by the county in a trust fund.

Make the new (d) the new (b).

Make the new (e) the new (c)”

Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

10.04.170 Dealer. Add “No piglet may be sold or gifted weighing under eight (8) pounds.” Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.
10.04.225 Operator. No changes made.

10.04.255 Retailer. Add “No piglet may be sold or gifted weighing under eight (8) pounds.” Motion to adopt language as suggested, motion seconded and approved.

6. **Educational Outreach**

   None

7. **Comments by the General Public**

   None.

8. **Set date, time and agenda of next meeting**

   The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:30 at Paradise Community Center.

9. **Adjournment**

   The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.