



Coachella Valley Animal Campus

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
9:30 a.m.
Commission Meeting
Coachella Valley Animal Campus
72050 Pet Land Place
Thousand Palms, CA 92276

Animal Campus Commission

City of Indian Wells

Councilmember Ty Peabody

Chairman

Mayor Dana Reed
(Alternate)

City of Desert Hot Springs

Councilmember Joe McKee

Vice-Chairman

City of Cathedral City

Councilmember Mark Carnevale

Mayor Stan Henry
(Alternate)

City of Coachella

Councilmember Betty Sanchez
Vacant (Alternate)

City of Indio

Councilmember Glen Miller
Mayor Elain Holmes (Alternate)
P.J. Gagajena (Alternate)

City of La Quinta

Councilmember Steve Sanchez
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick (Alternate)

City of Palm Desert

Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
Frankie Riddle (Alternate)

Palm Springs

Animal Shelter

Daniel Sumner – Director of Operations

Friends of Palm Springs

Animal Shelter

Tamara Hedges-Vice President
Ex- Officio

City of Rancho Mirage

Mayor G. Dana Hobart
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill
(Alternate)

County of Riverside

V. Manuel Perez, 4th District
Victoria Llorca, Board Assistant
Marion Ashley, 5th District

Animal Samaritans

Len D. Betz, President
Ex-Officio
Tom Snyder, CEO

County Staff

Laurie Dozier
Executive Assistant I

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Animal Campus Commission Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus, 72050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, CA 92276, by Chairman Ty Peabody, Councilmember with the City of Indian Wells.

A roll call was conducted by the **Chairman**, and it was determined that there was a quorum. The following were present:

Members in Attendance:

Ty Peabody, City of Indian Wells
Joe McKee, Councilmember, City of Desert Hot Springs
Kathleen Kelly, Councilmember, City of Palm Desert
Mark Carnevale, Councilmember, City of Cathedral City
Steve Brown, Councilmember, City of Coachella
Ted Weill, Councilmember, City of Rancho Mirage
Glen Miller, City of Indio
Victoria Llorca, Board Assistant, Riverside County

Others in attendance:

Frank Corvino, Deputy Director, County Animal Services
Dr. Allan Drusys, Chief Veterinarian, County Animal Services
Tom Snyder, Chief Executive Officer, Animal Samaritans
Daniel Sumner, Director of Operations, Palm Springs Animal Shelter
Tamara Hedges, Vice President, Friends of Palm Springs Animal Shelter
John Welsh, Public Information Officer, County Animal Services
Veronica Ramos, Customer Service Manager, County Animal Services
Laurie Dozier, Executive Assistant, County Animal Services

3. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF May 2017 MINUTES:

Minutes approved as submitted McKee/Kelly m/s.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Hardee: On August 28th and 29th, Kim hosted a successful spay/neuter event inside the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino Events Center. Indio pet owners were invited to spay/neuter, vaccinate, microchip, and license their dogs and cats. Loving All Animals created pet identification tags for participants. Kim would like to hold an event once a year with small vaccine clinics at senior center locations. Kim requested a list of senior centers in each Commission member's city. The clinics would operate on a donation basis – any amount the senior can afford that day.

Janet McAfee: Janet McAfee operates out of Palm Desert, Loving All Animals, and local rescues for nine years, fundraising and bringing attention to rescue dogs. Training classes are complimentary while animals are in foster care. The "Spay-Ghetti & No Balls" Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction will be held November 2, 2017, from 5pm-8pm, at the Palm Springs Air Museum. The cost is \$45 pre-sale and \$50 at the door.

Michael Phipps-Russell, President, Loving All Animals: Loving All Animals is bringing animal advocates together and those who may donate dog food to local food pantries. This would benefit the senior community tremendously.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: Received a letter appointing Board Assistant, Victoria Llort as the new representative for the County of Riverside, 4th/5th District.

7. ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

- **Commission Member:** In Sacramento, there is an interesting program that charges just \$4.95 for microchipping. Suggested including microchips in the first year of licensing at no charge to assist seniors and low income families in having their pets microchipped.
- **Mark Carnevale, Cathedral City:**
The Pet Cemetery Kick-off Party held at the Pet Memorial Park Cemetery was beautiful and is a must-see event.
- **Ty Peabody, Chairman, City of Indian Wells:** A vote was conducted by the commission members to modify the scheduling of this commission meeting to a quarterly basis beginning in 2018. All in attendance approved the modification. The Commission requested to receive the monthly Staff Reports. Frank Corvino advised all in attendance that each contracted city, and city representative currently receives monthly Staff Reports.

8. RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES:

- **Frank Corvino, Deputy Director:**
Updates: There are no case updates at this time. The Homeless Pets and Combat Vets event resulted in 80 adoptions at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus. A check will be awarded to the ASK Foundation and Veteran's Affairs Department during a Board of Supervisor's meeting. The winning district will be announced then. At this time, Animal Services fiscal year budget is

even with our budgetary allotment. Next year will be a struggle - our deficit is based on negotiated items with the unions relative to compensation that we have to absorb. We are continuously working on our current budget to increase revenue.

- **John Welsh, Public Information Officer:**

Updates: During the Clear the Shelters event, we adopted out 345 animals. NBC visited Riverside specifically to promote cats. Our next big event will be Black Saturday, a free adoption event taking place the day after Black Friday. Our department's official website has been given an update with helpful information. Please check out our PAWSitive Newsletter which includes pictorials of our Animal Control officers, updated stories, and outcomes.

Media: Fourteen horses were seized in Nuevo last week. The property had been monitored for the past year and a half, and during this time a total of 33 horses have been removed from the property. Frank Corvino provided details on the search warrant from a year and a half ago.

- **Dr. Allan Drusys, Chief Veterinarian:** The Governor will be signing the legislation (AB485) for pet stores to only be allowed to adopt out shelter animals. Over one million dollars of revenue has been generated from the Pet Lovers license plates. The revenue from registrations go into a separate fund.

- **ANIMAL SAMARITANS (Tom Snyder, CEO):**

Since partnering with the Community Cat Program, Anima Samaritans is spaying and neutering between 7 and 13 cats, 5 days a week and it appears they're making good progress. The Woofstock event will be held at Riverwalk on November 18, 2017 from 11am to 2pm. DAS Staff member, Laurie Dozier, will e-mail the flyer. The 8th Annual Charity Fashion Show will be held on December 3, 2017. Canine flu vaccines are available at their Indio and Thousand Palm clinic locations.

Michelle Bergeron: Transports to the Human Society in Oregon are taking place once a month, equating to about 70 kittens a month being transferred. Due to the hurricane in Texas and Florida, we are on temporary hold. As of this month we are at 11,000 rescue since 2017. Frank Corvino would like to invite Destiny Haney, from Best Friends to share her program with the Commission Members during our next commission meeting.

9. **PALM SPRINGS ANIMAL SHELTER (Daniel Sumner, Director of Operations):** Daniel Sumner will be moving out of state and leaving the organization. A handout with statistics were indicating TNR since September has increased. They are pushing hard with the Community Cat Program and are hopeful that the kitten issues seen in the past will be lower next year.

Friends of Palm Springs Animal Shelter (Tamara Hedges, Vice President): Tamara Hedges indicated that the handout shows of cats 3% died on the outcomes. This is representative of neonatal kittens. Clear the Shelters went well, and the shelter had 90 adoptions. Dogtoberfest will be held on October 29, 2017, offering vaccines and a Root Beer Garden. Free adoptions are offered on October 6th and 7th. The shelter received \$25,000 from Ross Mathews' appearance on Family Feud when he donated his winnings to the charity of his choice.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2017 at 9:30AM at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus: 72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, CA 92276.

ADJOURNMENT Chairman Ty Peabody adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.