

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
VIRGINIA BEACH ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTION CENTER: ROOM 1021
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

(CURRENTLY VACANT)	CHAIR	VACANT
CAPT. J. T. ORR		VBPD
LT. JARVIS LYNCH		VBPD
JULEEN BALLANCE		VBPD – ACAC
JOE FAIRCHILD		BOARD MEMBER
STEPHSI SEGER		BOARD MEMBER
EMILY OLLEY		BOARD MEMBER
DR. ABIGAIL SCHMIDT		BOARD MEMBER
SHARON HUDSON		BOARD MEMBER
VALERIE THOMPSON		BOARD MEMBER

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

MICHAEL REXROAD	VBHD DIRECTOR
MELISSA NOBLETT	ANIMAL VISION CENTER
DR. HEATHER BROOKSHIRE	ANIMAL VISION CENTER
REBECCA FRANKLIN	VBPD – AEU
TERRY GRAHAM	VBPD - ACAC

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

UPDATES:

- The May minutes were reviewed and approved for submission.
- The Shelter update was given by Juleen Ballance.
 - Update on staffing:
 - Currently have 1 FT LVT vacancy with an active job posting
 - 1 PT and 1 FT caretaker vacancy will be filled effective 9-26-19
 - Currently have 1 FT vacant Clerk III position which we will hold interviews for in the upcoming week
 - Currently have 1 FT caretaker vacancy for which we are working through our eligibility list to fill
 - We provided Emergency Pet Sheltering both onsite at ACAC and at Kellam High school during Dorian. Two dogs were housed, one at each facility.
- The Enforcement update was given by Lt. Jarvis Lynch
 - UPDATE: Ordinance / dogs off leash – meeting with targeted group will be conducted at ACAC in conference room on September 23, 2019 at 1830 hours. ACAB board members invited to attend discussion. The meeting was requested by Council Member Wilson to gain more feedback from citizen groups on the topic. Discussion will include possible revision of current beach law to better serve citizens as well as attention on public safety.

- AEU has worked with Police to patrol and provide enforcement to the beaches in regard to dogs in violation of the current beach laws. The focus will now shift to parks since the summer season is closing.
- Staffing
 - 2 ACOs currently in training
 - 1 FT ACO vacancy and are working through the recruitment process
- Rabies Update – Valerie Thompson
 - 4 cases this year; markedly lower than last year to date
 - The most recent case this year was a 15 week old puppy that came to the U.S. mainland via private transport from Puerto Rico.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. HEATHER BROOKSHIRE – PRESENTATION

- Dr. Brookshire is a veterinarian with the Animal Vision Center of Virginia. She presented on the topic of harvesting corneal organ donation for clinical patients proposing that ACAC could assist with that process.
- If a partnership was created, ACAC would gather pertinent information on the donor animal and assist in globe collection. Staff could be trained on globe collection or staff from the Animal Vision Center could be on-site to collect.
- Globes would be sent to a processing center prior to reaching a clinical patient.
- **ACTION ITEM** Dr. Brookshire will check to see if the center is a for-profit business or non-profit.
- **ACTION ITEM** Captain J. T. Orr suggested VBPD doing research and speak to the City Attorney on the legality of the process before moving forward to a recommendation from the ACAB.

OLD BUSINESS:

Veterinarian representative vacancy on the ACAB.

- Vacancy remains. Discussion as to if the Board wishes to revise the ordinance to widen criteria. During discussion, Dr. Brookshire agreed to fill the vacancy, which was accepted by the Board. Welcome – Dr. Brookshire.
- One current Board Member has not attended for the last 3 consecutive meetings. Lt. Lynch plans on contacting a prior identified alternate member to try and fill the spot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Next meeting: **November 6, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.**