



Forsyth County Animal Services Advisory Board

January 20, 2022

6:00 - 7:30 PM
5570 Sturmer Park Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Priscilla Ivester, Chair
Chad Griffin, Vice Chair
Amy Pugh, DVM
Cristina Griffin
P.J. Lofland
Joseph Chrobak
Erin Turner
Rick Borucki
Bill Cowan
George Francisco

Members Present

Priscilla Ivester	George Francisco	Rick Borucki
Bill Cowan	Christina Griffin	Amy Pugh
Chad Griffin	Joseph Chrobak	Erin Turner

Staff Present

Capt. V. Loveland
Lt. C. Davenport
Tonya Ward

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Priscilla Ivester.
- Approval of meeting minutes November 18, 2021
MOTION: Rick Borucki made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Bill Cowan and the minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- As the meeting was held virtually, there was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Differential Pet Licensing Update***
Captain Loveland said he and Board Chair Priscilla Ivester had spoken with the Commissioners and, while they are primarily in favor of the request to repeal pet licensing they would like to study the issue further. Captain Loveland is still working with both FCSO and County Finance to put together a comprehensive study and presentation for the Commissioners. He went on to explain that he has spoken with other counties, each of whom have stated that licensing does not work. Very little money is being brought in and compliance drops each year. He stated that his goal is to have Animal Services focus on rabies vaccination information/compliance as well as promoting spay/neuter. The Commissioners plan to discuss the matter at their Winter Workshop. Priscilla Ivester asked the date of the workshop and Captain Loveland replied that he will update the Board with the date.

- ***Statewide Rabies Database***

Meeting with State Senator Joyce Krawiec was discussed. Captain Loveland said he had not met with her but had two related meetings with staff from Public Health as well as the Department of Agriculture. He said the attorney for the Veterinary Medical Board stated they thought a statewide database could be complicated due to rural counties and access to computers. There was discussion regarding how a database would be funded as well as changing NC General Statutes regarding reporting. Chad Griffin said he had been holding off contacting Senator Krawiec due to the holidays and end of year but will contact her and will let the Board know once he does. Priscilla Ivester asked if work could be begun at a local level since it is stalled at the state level. Captain Loveland said it could but after the issue of pet licensing is resolved so that Animal Service staff will have time to devote. There was discussion of one year versus three year vaccines – requirements and benefits. Priscilla Ivester asked if the local ordinance address reporting by veterinarians and Captain Loveland said that it does not but he will look into the matter. He followed up with the information that the date of the Winter Workshop is February 24th beginning at 9 am.

- ***Status Update on FCC 6-57***

Captain Loveland explain to the Board that the change to FCC 6-57 regarding Dangerous Dogs is included in the proposal regarding pet licensing.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***New Member Introductions***

Lieutenant Chris Davenport, who transferred to Animal Services from the Field Services Division in November 2021 after the retirement of Lieutenant David Morris was introduced to the Board by Captain Loveland and briefly discussed his background. Previous Board member Michelle Connelly was welcomed back and new member George Francisco introduced himself and discussed his background.

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and members for the Tribunal Hearings scheduled for February 17th were discussed. Chad Griffin, Bill Cowan, and Michelle Connelly said they were available. New member George Francisco said he would like to observe so Tonya Ward said she would be sure the information was emailed to him for review prior to the hearings.

ADJOURN

MOTION: With no further business Priscilla Ivester asked for a motion to adjourn. Rick Borucki made the motion, which was seconded by Erin Turner. Priscilla Ivester adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.