



Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board

January 14, 2021

A meeting of the Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board was held at the Manatee County Public Safety Center – 2101 47th Terrace East, Bradenton Florida, 34203

Attendees:

Lisa Barnott – Chair

Sarah Brown – MCAS

Faith Peterson – Secretary

Katie Howard

Carol Whitmore – County Commissioner

Call in:

Laurie Wasoski

Jana Martin

Welcome:

Meeting called to order by Chair, Lisa Barnott at 12:45 pm

Approval of Minutes:

December minutes approved. Jana made a motion to approve the minutes. Katie Howard seconded the motion. All approved.

Report:

Sarah Brown – MCAS Report:

Home for the Holidays - We saw 142 adoptions during this promotion!

JAMES
SATCHER
District 1

REGGIE
BELLAMY
District 2

KEVIN
VAN OSTENBRIDGE
District 3

MISTY
SERVIA
District 4

VANESSA
BAUGH
District 5

CAROL
WHITMORE
At Large

GEORGE W.
KRUSE
At Large

Press for December: 6 news segments, 2 articles + new partnership with the Tampa Bay Times for weekly adoptable pet.

Lowering Length of Stay (LOS) is an on-going goal of MCAS.

We track two length of stay reports – The amount of time it takes for an animal to go from Stray Wait to Available. And then how long an animal is Available.

2019 Stray Wait to Available LOS:

Cats	16.82 Days
Dogs	13.51 Days
Average	15.05 Days

2020 Stray Wait to Available LOS:

Cats	9.369 Days
Dogs	12.12 Days
Average	10.71 Days

The great news is now when made available, they are sterilized! So it is even better than reflected in the numbers. But just the numbers in perspective, Cats to available LOS has reduced 44%; Dogs - 10% with an average of 29% days reduction!

Time Spent in Available 2019:

Cats	41.12 Days
Dogs	82.79 Days
Average	62 Days

Time Spent in Available 2020:

Cats	29.48 Days
Dogs	66.05 Days
Average	47 Days

Time Spent in Available in 2020 Cats decrease of 28%; Dogs 20% with an average of 24%. That means we are getting animals in homes quicker!

Accomplishments/Statistics:

December 2020 Stats

Dog & Cat Intake	292
Adoptions	101
Transfers	76
RTO	47
Fosters	69
Ending Shelter Count	94 Dogs & 25 Cats
Save Rate	94 %

2020 Stats

Dog & Cat Intake	2472
Adoptions	1127
Transfers	665
RTO	487
Fosters	444
Save Rate	93.49%

Current Business:

Commissioner Whitmore asked how many acres MCAS is. Sarah is to find out.

County update – Carol Whitmore:

New shelter is supposed to be built on old landfill. Vanessa Baugh feels money could be better spent and that maybe we could remodel. The board is very upset by this.

Carol reported that Vanessa Baugh also questioned why we keep some animals so long.

Money raised toward new shelter is upwards of \$350,000.00.

Carol would like someone to come to each County Commissioner meeting to speak under public comments about keeping their commitment to the new shelter.

Carol has a meeting set up with law enforcement agencies about being consistent with evictions when the people have pets. Carol suggested having a specific foster for them rather than the shelter. The discussion focused on the shelter taking them for medical and having a list of fosters available. We will thank Alicia for this idea.

Katie Rose Howard is appointed to attend this meeting.

There is a list of 600 who volunteered to foster dogs during Covid. We will start by contacting the people on this list.

New Business:

Katie Rose Howard made a motion to request county Administrator and Clerk of Court look at the funds from fees and fines to assure they go to MCAS and not the general fund. This motion was seconded by Jana Martin.

Katie and Sarah are to meet about microchip.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Faith N. Peterson

Secretary