MCAS Community Advisory Committee

Notes from Meeting on February 9, 2015

In Attendance: CAC: Marci Jo Carlton, Aaron Ray, Linda Caradine, Kara Kerpan, Megan Mautemps  MCAS: Mike Oswald, Randall Brown, Ann Potter, Gail Wilson  Others: Michael Grimmett, Ombudsman

The meeting was convened at 6:30

Minutes from January 20, 2015 were approved with this correction: Under Multnomah County Ordinance amendment – “Animal Rescue Entities” issues, a question was raised about families with multiple animals and if they would need to be approved with this change in the law. MCAS staff stated that would not apply.

Updates and Announcements

• Introduction of Randall Brown, Chief Field Supervisor for Animal Services – Randall manages the day to day operations of the Field Office. This includes supervision of 10 officers, 2 dispatchers and 1 legal aid officer. He oversees investigations, the budget and facilities. He maintains relationships with law enforcement agencies and attends meetings that relate to the Field Operations.

Feedback on Shelter Review Process

• Data - 2013: DOGS 93.7% CATS 82.5% 2014: DOGS 94% CATS 87%

• The Shelter Review team making firm decisions has added to these numbers rising.

• Regional Coalition is doing better.

• It was noted that the public seems to like the 100% save rate and the CAC member is wondering if there is a way that MCAS can communicate the reasons better as to why this doesn’t happen.

  ➢ More education? Blog? Discussion on the website?
  ➢ MCAS is hoping the shelter review policy will inform people.
  ➢ We all need to have one on one discussions with people about the safety of people and animals.
  ➢ We can’t reach for 100% because there are animals that are dangerous.
- MCAS needs to explain what the criteria is for an adoptable animal
- Let people know that no healthy/adoptable cat was euthanized in 2014.
- Launch a campaign called “Did you Know?”
- Plan to go the expos, etc to have a booth to talk to people. Mike stated that we need to get the Community Outreach position filled so that this activity can be accomplished.

**Additional Discussion and Feedback on Senate Bill 6**

- Is it mandatory? Yes
- Do you need to show a license to adopt out an animal? Unfortunately most people will not be aware of the law and so they will probably not ask to see a license before they adopt until this law becomes well known.
- Where did the number 10 come from? The author of the bill came up with the number.
- What about a facility that doesn’t take donations but charges for animals? They would fall under the facilities regulations that are already in place.
- The first reading before the board of County Commissioners is planned for March.

**MCAS Enforcement Policy and Guidelines – Discussion and CAC feedback**

- There needs to be a balance of education and enforcement. You can’t just educate and never enforce.
- Who is the audience for this document? Mike stated it was for the public.
- There were many suggestions on using different words, spelling corrections, grammar corrections, etc.