

# **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.