

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 3rd, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER The September 3rd, 2008 meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Ed Varga at 7:00 p.m. at McHenry County Animal Control, 100 N Virginia St, Crystal Lake Illinois.
- PRESENT Ed Varga, Pat McNulty, Sara Denham, Bud Alexander, Jerry Rivard, Jeannette Everett, Anna May Miller and Joe Kozlowski
- ABSENT Dr. Mehanovic
- APPROVAL OF A motion for approval of the July 2008 minutes was made by Sara Denham
Second by Bud Alexander
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None
- OLD BUSINESS Pat McNulty advised committee members that the 2009 budgeting process was going to committee in a couple weeks. He told committee members that the Veterinary Public Health Division will be submitting supplemental requests for a full time veterinarian, and a vehicle. He explained that the extra money made thru the increase of registration fees should off set the cost of the supplements.
- The committee reviewed the contact list no comments or changes were made.
- NEW BUSINESS J Rivard advised the committee that Doctor Mehanovic Invited Mchenry County Licensed Shelters to join together in forming a Coalition. The Coalition met on August 26'2008
There next meeting is scheduled for September 23rd.
Initial/tentative goals for the committee is to increase the adoption rate of animals in McHenry County and to help offset some direct costs shelters incur through volume purchasing. Concerns were raised relative to how effective, efforts may be as most organizations are competing for the same grants. It was emphasized that this is a Coalition with each organization having equal representation. Meetings will be informal and attendance/participation is voluntary.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Rivard reviewed information gathered from 10 cities within McHenry County and 4 surrounding Counties that limit the number of animals allowed per household. He updated the committee on concerns raised by a County Board member as well as the general public regarding neighbors' breeding dogs, and in general the number of animals owned. Staff response is McHenry County Ordinance Article XVII does not regulate "numbers of animals" and that they should contact their local authorities. The question was posed to the Advisory Committee whether they feel McHenry County should have a limit on numbers of animals per household and whether it be addressed in a zoning or AC ordinance. Committee members briefly discussed various pro and cons. Ed Varga asked the committee to think about it for the next meeting. J. Rivard stated he will see if he could pull the number of dogs registered per households from our data base. Ed Varga requested that AC Staff make a recommendation at the next meeting for consideration.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

The committee did not have any comments or questions about the end of the month report.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Varga requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion for approval was made by Bud Alexander second by Joe Kozlowski.

