

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 7th, 2009

- CALL TO ORDER The January 7th, 2009 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, and Dr. Mehanovic
- APPROVAL OF A motion to amend the August 3rd 2008 minutes was made by Bud Alexander.(page 2 under other business) to change the wording "Committee members voiced some good reasons to limit numbers of animals as well as legitimate concerns". To read "Committee members briefly discussed various pro and cons". This was approved by Joe Koslowski, seconded by Sara Denham.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were over 100 people in attendance. In summary all public coming forward to make statements voiced their disapproval of "limiting the number of animals" a person can own in McHenry County.
- OLD BUSINESS J. Rivard reviewed historical data regarding the number of Animals per household currently registered in McHenry County. Information shows approximately 70% of McHenry County residents have one dog, 23% have 2 dogs, 5% have 3 dogs, and less then 1% of the residents have 4 or more dogs. It was emphasized that the numbers presented are only animals "**dogs vaccinated and registered**". Registration information is currently being updated through surveys and when complete, more accurate information can be presented. . The committee members commented that a County Board member Sue Draffhorn's request to look into restricting the number of animals per household to address her constituents' complaints about barking and back yard breeding. J. Rivard stated the restriction would enable Animal Control to respond more quickly in removing animals from cruelty situations involving hoarders. Ed Varga requested additional data on cruelties cases animal control went out on in 2008 and the

numbers of animals involved in the individual complaints for the next meeting.

New BUSINESS

There was no new Business to discuss.

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

The committee had no comments or questions about the end of the month report.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Vaga requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.
A motion for approval was made by Bud Alexander second by Anna May Miller.