

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Community Room at OCAS

1601 Eubanks Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Pickett (Chair), Allan Polak (Vice Chair), Sunita Driehuys (Secretary), Judy Miller, Dawn Roberts, Debby Hill, Lynne DuBose, Cathy Munnier, Kimberly Rider, Lucia Welborne (delayed)

Members ABSENT: Michael Delafield, Tracey Little

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Sandra Strong (Director), Holly Pittman (Administrative Support), Dr. Joanna Jarred (Medical Director)

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Review and adoption of the meeting agenda:

	Vote (Motion/2 nd)
Mike Delafield	Absent
Sunita Driehuys	Aye
Lynne DuBose	Not present for vote
Debby Hill	Aye
Judy Miller	Aye
Cathy Munnier	Motion
Lee Pickett	Aye
Allan Polak	Aye
Kimberly Rider	2nd
Dawn Roberts	Aye
Lucia Welborne	Not present for vote

Review and approval of May, 2023 ASAB meeting summary:

	Vote (Motion/2 nd)
Mike Delafield	Absent
Sunita Driehuys	Absent
Lynne DuBose	Not present for vote
Debby Hill	Motion
Judy Miller	2nd
Cathy Munnier	Aye
Lee Pickett	Aye
Allan Polak	Aye
Kimberly Rider	Aye
Dawn Roberts	Aye
Lucia Welborne	Not present for vote

New Business:

1. Dr. Joanna Jarred, veterinarian and medical director of OCAS presented to the ASAB – her primary role is animal care (medicine, surgery, husbandry, behavior). She enjoys all aspects of being a shelter veterinarian – caring for animals and helping people in need, working on operation, management and planning of facility. Now have small TNR program through OCAS for sterilizing intact cats that are assigned to either an Orange County resident or business. Discussed potential future chemical, hormonal or gene editing treatments that may become available to reduce cat overpopulation problem. Has developed a relationship with Vine Veterinary Hospital, which is under new ownership

and able to offer low cost options for veterinary care that OCAS can't offer in-house.

There will be two veterinary student interns here this summer as well.

2. Discussion of ASAB Officer Nominations August 2023 – officers elected for 1 year terms and can be re-elected.
 - a. Leadership role is to run the monthly ASAB meeting, chair the Hearing Panel when that convenes, annually report to the Board of County Commissioners and make sure that the board members remain accountable for obligations and committee responsibilities. Full description is in ASAB Policy document.
 - b. Nominations and election will be at August meeting
3. Dr. Pickett introduced topic of Orange County inspections of kennels that breed and sell animals. This system should provide oversight to prevent the type of situation that happened in Hertford County in which the Humane Society of the United States had to intervene.

Public participation guidelines: Not necessary

General public comments on items not on agenda (3-minute limit): None

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record : Confirmed through approval of meeting minutes

Animal Services Advisory Board:

- Only 1 vacancy on board – the At-Large position remains open

Old Business: Dr. Strong updated us that the OCAS budget was funded as presented to the county.

Information Items: Dr. Strong's Report

1. Melissa Ramirez-Grimaldi has filled the Program Coordinator role (internal promotion) and her former role is being filled internally as well. Now have an opening in Animal Care Technician role and Animal Control Officer position is also open.
2. Buckhorn Flea Market - letter sent to owner of market that market will need to be licensed as a pet shop if vendors are going to sell dogs, cats or small mammals. And

exotic animals are not allowed to be sold at all. Owner of market has decided not to pursue this and there are now noticeably fewer animal sales happening.

3. Recent press release about shelter nearing capacity resulted in increased adoptions and placement of some dogs and cats/kittens into foster care or rescue organizations.

Informal Discussion: Dawn Roberts reports that the hunting dogs that were on her property have been removed and placed appropriately.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

	Vote (Motion/2 nd)
Mike Delafield	Absent
Sunita Driehuys	Aye
Lynne DuBose	Aye
Debby Hill	Aye
Judy Miller	Aye
Cathy Munnier	Motion
Lee Pickett	Aye
Allan Polak	2nd
Kimberly Rider	Aye
Dawn Roberts	Aye
Lucia Welborne	Aye