

Minutes
Milford Animal Shelter Commission
July 8, 2008
Milford Animal Control Center
664 East Broadway

Members present
Stella Donenfeld, Chairman
Marilyn Blake
Sarah Nierenberg
Jan Diamond
Ed Leuchtner

Also present
Rick George, Director
Laurie Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator

Meeting brought to order at 12:15

Disposition of minutes: Motion made by Commissioner Nierenberg seconded by Commissioner Blake to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Wardens Report: Commissioner Leuchter made a motion to accept the wardens report and Commissioner Nierenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Department Report:

1. Rick reported that everything was going well but was a little hectic. The kennels are filling up.
2. The Board of Alderman approved the resolution to allow Rick to keep the sick time he had already earned while in 1566 to cash in when he retires.
3. Bobby Maren said they would devote more time to the work needed at the shelter. They may possibly side the building so it won't need painting so often.
4. Rick reported that he contacted the Mayor about canceling ADT and buying our own system. It will save much money in the long run.
5. Since his appointment most everyone in the city have been very cooperative.
6. Rick was asked to write a column for the Milford Weekly about animal issues. It will be titled "From the Dog House at Milford Animal Control" with a cute logo. This logo can also be used for T-shirts etc.
7. Two summer youths from employment and training started working at the Shelter today.

Correspondence: Numerous thank you and congratulatory notes. A child that was bitten in the face by a neighbors dog came to visit the Shelter to make sure she wouldn't be afraid of dogs now. She sent a cute thank you hand drawn picture. Two children from Arizona visiting their Grandparents, came to tour the Shelter they loved it so much and had so much fun that they returned the next day with cookies and brownies for the staff to say thank you.

Commission Report: None

Old Business:

- a. Volunteer update: Many new Volunteers now that school is out. Laurie stated she needed to contact Bebe on the status of the gardens.
- b. Feral cat update: We have trapped a huge number of ferals this year due largely to the efforts of Pat and Cindy Shultz.
- c. Financial report: No report again this month from Pound Pooches.

New Business:

- a. Food Bank: Stella suggested last month that most municipalities should have pet food banks, with the economy the way it is. Rick reported that at the Mutual Aide meeting last month he mentioned it to Barbara and she is going to promote it in her areas. They can contact us with any questions

Personnel: Meeting went into executive session at 13:15 hours.

Commission out of ES at 13:30 hours. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Blake seconded by Commissioner Diamond. Meeting adjourned at 13:30 hours.

Next Meeting August 12, 2008

Respectfully Submitted ,
Pat Liptak