

DUPLIN COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD - MEETING

November 7, 2023

Members: Cathi Hale, Chris Jarman, David Phillips, Chris Alphin, Haley Cooper, Margie Hunter, Jason McGuirt, Michelle Blanchard, Kebby Schweinsberg and Bobbie Kennedy

Present: Cathi Hale, Chris Jarman, David Phillips, Chris Alphin, Kebby Schweinsberg and Bobbie Kennedy

Excused: Haley Cooper, Margie Hunter, Jason McGuirt and Michelle Blanchard

Chris Alphin called meeting to order at 5:59pm, 2nd by Cathi

Agenda Items

o Review current adoption/rescue pull procedure - Brenda

(Can it be improved?)

-Steps of Animals housed by the Shelter:

- Intake: Shelter has 72 hrs to have the animals completed. This consist of a vaccine for prevention of Adenovirus, Canine Distemper, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza and Parvovirus for canines at least 6 weeks of age. A vaccine of Bordetella bronchiseptica for canines 6 weeks or older. Dewormer. A one year rabies vaccine for animals 4 months or older. Each canine is then tested to determine if the canine is adoptable or non adoptable. This consist of an evaluation of each canine for friendliness with people as well as other canines. Each animal must then be photographed for identification as well as presentation for availability of adoption, with their specific collected information. Each adoptable animal is given five days in the shelter before becoming at risk of euthanasia. Each animal given a commitment in those five days, are permitted time for arrangements to be completed, with the expectation to depart from the shelter in a respectable amount of time.

- Highly adoptable animals are determined as adoption only as that is the end goal for each animal. Shelter uses the White Board to record which animals have been completed.

- Rescues are searched for in circumstances a specific animal needs a specific Rescue, depending on specialties and necessary requirement of that particular animal.

•Adoption: Each adoption application is processed within 48 hours. Vet reference is required. Once approved, the adopter is responsible for scheduling the spay/neuter of the animal. The shelter then follows up on completion of surgery.

•Rescue: Networkers share animals with rescues. Each Rescue must contact the shelter for communication of their interest. Each Rescue must be approved by the shelter to be a partnered rescue. This is determined after the rescue protocol is completed. After approval- Rescue commitments are determined by time of departure, in a first come, first serve basis.

-Cathi's suggestion for revision: potential adopters with vet reference, a shorter application.

-for potential adopters without vet reference, a longer application including questions regarding care of pet.

-What duties can volunteers handle?

Help processing intakes, assist with Follow-ups.

o Complete rescue survey- Still considering, To be determined

o Future hope of having a Vet tech program

o Improving Rescue Relations and communication.

Action Item: Word smithing- Communicating the shelter's expectations with the networkers.- by Brenda & Joe

Meeting adjourned by Cathi, 2nd by Kebby at 7:46pm