

DUPLIN COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD - MEETING

September 5, 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, Margie Hunter, Michelle Blanchard, Chris Jarman, , Jason McGuirt, Kebby Schweinsberg and Bobbie Kennedy

Excused: David Phillips, Chris Alphin and Haley Cooper, ,

Meeting called to order by Cathi Hale at 6:00 pm, 2nd by Margie Hunter

Agenda Items

o Plan the Duplin County Animal Shelter grand opening celebration - Joe Newburn, Mattie Lane

- Planned Date of Celebration: Saturday, January 20th, 2024, 11am to 1pm- Motion made by Margie Hunter, 2nd by Chris Jarman

- Presentation- present check and cutting of ribbon.

- Invitations- Kaden, vets, patrol chiefs, Sheriff, PFDC, D.A., open invitation for the court, health dept, Tri-County, Hunters Assoc. (Tony Pickett), Jackson's IGA, table sponsors, banner sponsors...

- Create a Program for the event

- Vendors- undecided on how to proceed to accommodate area size

- Food- Joe Newburn is asking Smithfields- Rhonda

- Advertisements- Media, social media, radio

- Sue Ward- Joe Newburn > 10 days

- Art Project- Chris Jarman > 10 days

Top 5 from each school casted, public votes, 1stPlace Prize: \$100

2nd Place Prize: \$50

3rd Place Prize: \$25

- Bricks: New company, creating a link to buy bricks, all will be laid at once, space for about 60 bricks total, need site display material- Joe will update with information

o Develop presentation to DC Commissioners regarding request for additional shelter attendants - Chris Jarman will make the presentation at a future CC meeting.

- Using the Calculations from HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) and NACA (National Animal Control Association), requiring 15 minutes per animal, with a capacity of 80 animals, 24 minutes daily per animal, divided hourly (60 minutes), equals 32 hours of care per day. Dividing 32 hours by 7.5 hours per work day, averages to 4.3 persons minimum needed daily to meet recommended time necessary to efficiently feed and clean animal areas, seven days per week. The shelter currently has 1 part time person for this position (.5 of a person). There would need to be 4 positions additionally to provide recommended standards necessary for adequacy.

- Current shelter is compensating the shortage by using all of the officers to help get the very minimum done. However, this neglects their own important duties.

- Further info concerning details will be discussed between Cathi Hale and Chris Jarman at a later time.

Meeting adjourned by Cathi Hale at 7:38pm (2nd Chris Jarman)