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Manatee County Animal Advisory Board Minutes

Jan. 15, 2019

In attendance:

Chair: Lisa Barnott

Jana Martin

Gerald Thomas

Katie Howard

Lisa Williams

Laurie Wasoski

Chief Sarah Brown

1. Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm by board Chair Lisa Barnott.
2. Shelter updates from Chief Brown:
 - Three openings for ACO, there were 85 applications.
 - Shelter population: 140 dogs, 62 cats.
 - Hours were adjusted, now open late on Wednesdays and open on Sundays.
 - February event was a Valentine's Day promotion. Adoption fees waived in lieu of a donation to the Friends of Manatee County Animal Services group to go toward heartworm care.
 - Shelter food changed to Purina.
 - Dr. Doyens officially resigned from the advisory board and the opening for a veterinarian is to be posted.
 - MCAS closed out 2018 with a 94% save rate. That is officially no-kill.



3. Manatee County Advisory Board projects discussed.
 - Lisa Williams working on bringing forward a proposal to implement breeding licenses.
 - Lisa Barnott states more work and research to be done with a program for inmates training shelter dogs.
 - There was discussion that using a microchip as a license may not be feasible, according to research with the chip company.

4. Public comment:
 - Carol Whitmore spoke about re-doing the resolution for county animals concerning housing and structures for animals. Code enforcement and building department can offer possible solutions and ideas.
 - January 29, GT Bray dog park to be changed to Laurie Crawford dog park to honor her.
 - Talks of a new cat building/home. Lots of parking that would help. Current Downtown Kittytown parking is not good.
5. No further board comments.
6. Next meeting Feb. 26.
7. Meeting adjourned.

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