



## **Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board**

**December 11, 2020**

A meeting of the Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board was held at Manatee County Public Safety Center 2101 47th Ter E, Bradenton FL. 34203

### **Attendees:**

Lisa Barnott - Chair

Alicia Dougherty

Jana Dunson Martin

Hans Wohlgefahrt - MCAS

Faith Peterson

### **Call in**

Laurie Wasoski

### **Welcome:**

Meeting called to order by Chair, Lisa Barnott at 12:40pm

### **Approval of Minutes:**

November 2020 Minutes approved unanimously

### **Report:**

Hans Wohlgefahrt - MCAS November statistics

207 animals

48 returned to owner

8 euthanasia

96% save rate

**Current Business:**

Home for the Holiday project 3 ways to help

Waived adoption fees

Holiday fostering 2-5 days

Animal Control officers are offering free rides home for found animals.

They are trying to keep animals out of the shelter by taking them directly home

We have been lucky with our media coverage for the animals

**New Business:**

Lisa Barnott - Chair

Vanessa Baugh County Commissioner, toured MCAS with a contractor with Lisa Barnott.

Lisa would like all county commissioners to tour MCAS.

Lisa Barnott took Pam Freni out with Lakewood Ranch Director of Community Services to raise awareness of the needs of the shelter.

Carol Whitmore - Commissioner

County Update - The decision to terminate the County Administrator has been reversed. She is a big animal advocate

Carol is working on stopping the retail sale of pets from pet stores.

Carol discussed the shelter census, and the importance of pet retention methods

Carol said it should be a priority to let people know what resources are available to help with pet retention

There could possibly be COVID related funds to help with resources for those who are losing their pets due to eviction

There needs to be a clear set of protocols for evictions involving pets, which is consistent between the sheriff's department, police departments and animal services

Jana is working on a letter to the BOCC reaffirming the County's need for a new shelter

**Next Meeting:**

Friday, January 8, 2021