



Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board

November 13, 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:

Sarah Brown - Manatee County Animal Services

Board members:

Lisa Barnott

Katie Howard

Alicia Dougherty

Faith Peterson

Jana Martin

Via ZOOM:

Laurie Wasoski

Dr. Lindsay Rollend

Others:

Carol Whitmore - Commissioner

Pan Freni -President of Animal Network and Chairperson of Shelter Manatee Capital Campaign

Welcome:

Meeting called to order by Chair, Lisa Barnott

Approval of Minutes:

September 2020 Minutes, Approved

Report*

Shelter updates - Sarah Brown

Sarah reported the following statistics for the month see attachment

She is happy to report 93% save rate

Between Nov. 20 - Jan. 5 clear the shelter - Home for the Holiday

Current Business

Continuing to research entering license data on microchips - Katie Howard to help with Pet data microchipping.

New Business

Sarah Brown asked for help with some project on keeping animals out of the shelter.

She again mentioned the Home for the Holiday project.

Holiday cheer and hope have arrived at MCAS! Though Jan. 5, we're celebrating with fee-waived adoption for ALL PETS! All we ask is that potential adopters make a donation to the non-profit @friendsofmcas in lieu of the adoption fee. The adoption process and requirements stay the same; the only thing changing is that they have some extra money to buy their new pet a homecoming, holiday present! Can't adopt? We're bringing back holiday fostering, our short term, fostering option where you can take home a shelter dog or cat for 2-5 days (and we provide all food and necessary supplies). There's nothing more heartwarming than to host a shelter pet for some holiday comfort over a few days. Can't foster? we need donations to help fill our shelter pets stockings! our hope is that every pet at our shelter gets gifts this season.

To adopt: mymanatee.org/adopt to make your appointment.

To foster: <http://bit.ly/petemerg> to fill out our express foster application.

To donate: bit.ly/mcas_amazon to view our Amazon Wish List. Donations can be shipped directly to the Palmetto shelter or dropped off in bin outside both our locations.

For more about FoMCAS, visit fomcas.org

Happy Holiday from MCAS, and thank you for helping the homeless pets of Manatee County.

mymanatee.org/pets

She also reported on the shelter's work with Dogs Playing for Life, Jacksonville FL. The shelter has begun sending a few problematic dogs to them for training and help in becoming adoptable. Dogs Playing for Life keeps the animal until it can be placed in a forever home. Their website contains information and video testimonials about how this process works with a dog.

Website: www.dogsplayingforlife.com

Carol Whitmore - Commissioner

The property that Manatee County bought is **not** the property for new shelter. She asked for help in spreading the word.

Pam Freni - update Shelter Manatee

Shelter Manatee the campaign for a new animal shelter in Manatee County

Pam reports that \$ 200,000 has been raised. A total of \$ 2 million needs to be raised.

Kitty Koffee is the new fund raiser. Part of the purchase price of this coffee supports the new Manatee County Animal Shelter. It also promotes Cat Town cats available for adoption.

Animal Network, INC was established in 1999 after a small group of dog lovers successfully persuaded Manatee County to provide a public dog park. Today, the organization continues its mission of ' Helping People Help Animals' by volunteering and fundraising on behalf of local animal welfare organizations with a special emphasis on supporting the Manatee County Animal Shelter.

The group brainstormed ideas for promoting Shelter Manatee

For more information and to donate, go to www.ShelterManatee.com

To adopt a cat or kitten, contact the shelter at (941) 742-5933

Next Meeting

Friday, December 11, 2020