

ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF

December 3, 2003

The City of Arlington Animal Services Advisory Board held a meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2003 in the conference room of the Animal Services Center.

Board Members Attending:

Lisa Allen	Place 1
Jayne Cole	Place 2
Dr. Erin Miller	Place 3
Linda Yarbrough	Place 4
Lee Hitchcock	Place 5
John McDermott	Place 6
Suzanne Berk	Place 7

Board Members Absent:

Lisa Allen	Place 1
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I. Call to Order

Chair, Linda Yarbrough, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from meetings dated November 5, 2003

Correction made to spelling for Jayme Cole, Place 2.

II. Old Business

None.

III. Discussion of Agenda Items

- (a) UTA Campus Cat Coalition – Kathryn Beeler and Stephanie Ding of UTA and Susan Kilgore of Feral Friends presented their base plan for “TNR” – test, neuter and release of feral cats on UTA campus property. Kathryn noted that they have received approval from UTA (Dr. Sorber-Acting President; John Hall-VP of Finance and Planning; and Craig Powell – Environmental Health and Safety. Approval by the City of Arlington to proceed with their program was requested. The Board asked Lee Hitchcock, Place 5 to determine the legal issues involved and placed the item back on the agenda for further discussion at next Board meeting, January 28, 2004.

- (b) Parade of Lights – Mike Bass noted that participants are asked to meet at 6PM at Center and Main Street. Participants may bring their own animals and everyone should have some type of holiday lighting. The remote adoption unit will be setup on the East side of the art museum in Gene Allen Pocket Park. Suzanne explained that Certificates for Adoption would be given out to eliminate “impulse” adoptions. Pet Rescue, Inc. is also advertising the event and will be walking adoptable dogs from AAS.
- (c) Fund Raising Calendar – Suzanne Berk, Place 7 presented a tentative schedule for 2004 and the emphasis will be on Spay and Neuter.
- (d) Shelter Planning Update – Lee Hitchcock updated the Board. The next step is the Council’s decision to make and it is anticipated nothing will happen until after the Holidays. John McDermott, Place 6 provided an update on a recent Focus Group led by Dr. Jim Kunde and UTA’s School of Urban and Public Affairs. The focus group participants were varied and there was considerable discussion about quality of life issues in Arlington and a distinction between animal welfare and safety/security. Dr. Kunde will be summarizing the Focus Group results in preparation for more groups, most likely February 2004.

Announcements – None

Future Agenda Items – Development of an in-house spay/neuter program; UTA Campus Cat Coalition.

- IV. Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Times**
Next meeting date is Wednesday, January 28, 2004.
- V. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.