

**City of Norman
Animal Welfare Oversight Committee**

**Norman Animal Welfare Center
Multi-purpose Room
3428 South Jenkins Ave.**

**Monday, January 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order..... Mark Howery / Rebecca Bean
- II. Roll Call..... Mark Howery / Rebecca Bean
- III. Discussion & Approval of the December Minutes. Mark Howery / Rebecca Bean
Action Needed: motion to approve or reject minutes
Action Taken: _____
- IV. Monthly Statistics and Division Updates..... Mark Bechtel
 - Hiring Updates
 - Status of the Owner-Surrender Waiting List
 - Changes in Open HoursAction needed: Acknowledge Presentation
- V. Updates on Previous Business Mark Bechtel
 - Update on Capital Improvement Projects
 - Potential Mid-year Budget AdjustmentsAction Needed: Acknowledge Presentations
- VI. Discussion of Fund-raising Options andRebecca Bean / Mark Howery
Current Status/Balance of NAW Donation Account
Action Needed: Discussion
- VII. Cancellation of February MeetingRebecca Bean / Mark Howery
Action Needed: motion to approve cancellation
Action Taken: _____
- VIII. Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting Rebecca Bean / Mark Howery
- IX. Miscellaneous Comments..... Rebecca Bean / Mark Howery
- X. Adjournment..... Rebecca Bean / Mark Howery
Action needed: Motion to adjourn meeting
Action Taken: _____

Animal Welfare Oversight Committee

December 10th, 2018

The Norman Animal Welfare Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Multi-Purpose room on the 10th day of December, 2018, at 6:00PM. The notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Animal Welfare Center on 3428 South Jenkins on the 6th of December, 2018. The meeting was also posted on the City of Norman website at www.normanok.gov.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Mark Howery called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04PM.

II. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Co-Chairperson Mark Howery

Co-Chairperson Rebecca Bean

Councilman Kate Bierman

David Biles, D.V.M

Jennifer Kidney, Ph.D.

Kim Fairbanks

Kristy Wicker

Sandy Moore-Furneaux

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ashley Battiest, Norman Animal Welfare

Captain Brent Barbour

Jeanne Snider, Asst. City Attorney

Major David Teuscher

Mark Bechtel, Animal Welfare Manager

Trey Amrein, Animal Welfare Supervisor

III. Discussion & Approval of the November Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jennifer Kidney. Sandy Moore-Furieux seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Monthly Statistics

Mark Bechtel briefly went over November statistics. He spoke about the length of stay metric dropping, so animals are moving through the shelter faster. The owner surrender wait list was back up to 36 animals needing to be surrendered. The shelter was trying to manage intakes because the number of animals being sent to Spay Way Thanksgiving week would be half the usual number due to the holiday. In a normal week, there are two days of surgeries with about twenty animals each day. Mark says they will have to consider this with the Christmas holiday week as well.

Euthanasia is up in the month of November for aggression in dogs; Mark said he doesn't have a reason for this.

V. Review of Comments Received during Nov. 26 Public Meeting and Continued Discussion of Animal Welfare Ordinance Proposals

Co-chairperson Mark Howery began by discussing the public meeting that was held to discuss the ordinances on November 26th. He liked the way that the discussion was organized by tiers dependent on the degree of change involved with each ordinance.

Section 3-119 Exotic Wildlife and Native Wildlife.

There was a discussion about moving the word fox to the wolf, jackal, and hyena section.

Section 3-501 Keeping of Animals Other than Dogs and Cats

Changes were made for grammatical problems.

Section 3-205 Sale and Disposition of Animals

There was a discussion about terminology and the processes involved with Returned to Field versus Trap/Neuter/Return.

Section 3-407 Sale of Dogs and Cats

There was a discussion about the sale of dogs or cats in parking lots and the ordinance language regarding public or private parking lots.

Section 3-206 Relinquished Animals

There was a discussion about what details were necessary for this ordinance or whether they were more related to Norman Animal Welfare policy rather than an ordinance.

Rebecca Bean asked what the legal recourse is if a citizen doesn't fill out an owner surrender questionnaire. Captain Barbour said that it would be a policy issue, and Mark Bechtel said he didn't think there was an enforcement component to the questionnaire.

Rebecca Bean asked on what days or times the shelter would want to restrict owner surrender intake. Mark Bechtel said that it would depend on labor and staff capabilities.

Section 3-223 Altering of Dogs and Cats

Co-Chairperson Mark Howery said he agreed with the staff recommendation to discard this ordinance due to public input.

Co-Chairperson Rebecca Bean asked that in lieu of this ordinance, we might consider mirroring what the OKC shelter is doing and spaying/neutering an impounded animal before it could be reclaimed.

There was a discussion about the cost of impounding an animal; even when an impounded animal is picked up by an owner only hours later, there is still a cost associated with the impoundment.

Dr. Amy Tyler said that, for Norman, the number of additional surgeries that would result from mandatory a spay/neuter ordinance for reclaimed animals would be about 400 more surgeries per year.

There was a discussion about additional funding for Best Friends of Pets for their low cost spay/neuter program and targeting specific areas in Norman for outreach and education on spaying and neutering.

Section 3-301 Cruelty to Animals

Co-chairperson Rebecca Bean asked about section I and the selling of dyed animals. There was a discussion about the exact language of item I. Captain Barbour said that it was covered in the first section.

3-305 Reporting Found Animals

Co-Chairperson Rebecca Bean asked about reporting to the shelter versus reporting on social media. There was a discussion about the different ways to report found and lost animals.

3-401 Tethering

Co-chairperson Mark Howery talked about the intent of the tethering ordinance to address situations where dogs are living their whole lives on a tether.

Jennifer Kidney stated she was in favor of a tethering ordinance with exemptions made at the discretion of the Animal Welfare Officers.

Dr. David Biles stated that to him, there is no good reason to tether an animal.

Kristy Wicker spoke about the public meeting comments and said she didn't think it would be a bad thing to have an anti-tethering ordinance with exemptions made for certain situations.

There was a discussion about how it would be enforced if it became an ordinance.

There was a discussion about the language used for collars and harnesses and what was the definition of a short duration in time.

There was a consensus that Tethering Option One would be left in the ordinance changes.

3-4032 Confinement of Dogs and Cats

Sandy Moore-Furneaux said she preferred option one that would keep cats indoors, as it would be safer for the cats themselves and wildlife.

Kristy Wicker said that feral cats do have an impact on wildlife populations, but she thought option one was unenforceable.

Kim Fairbanks said she thought option two was best. It was already in the ordinances and had a few revisions to it. Norman Animal Welfare and the Oversight Committee should make an effort to provide more community education.

Norman citizen Nathan Kuhnert spoke about being in favor of the Confinement of Dogs and Cats ordinance. He mentioned that the City of Tulsa also has an ordinance for the confinement of Dogs and Cats. His concern was for protecting local wildlife from outside cat populations.

Officer Amrein spoke about how the current ordinance is enforced with respect to nuisance cats.

There was a discussion about how all of the new ordinances should have a slow roll out with lots of public education.

There was a discussion about the effect option one would have on the shelter statistics regarding the goal of no euthanasia of adoptable animals.

3-502 Use of Animals at Festivals, Carnivals, Parades, and Other Similar Events.

This ordinance was to address the animals that are brought into the city for public events.

There was a discussion about who would be required to have a permit.

Major Teuscher said that Ordinance 3-502, part one, could be covered by a policy change at the parks and recreation department.

Co-Chairperson Rebecca Bean spoke about some of the instances she has seen with animals that are brought in for public attractions.

There was a discussion about omitting the word parade, so that there isn't any interference with riders of horses in parades.

There was a discussion about having a permit that would not allow exotic animals in parades.

3-505 Numbers of Snakes and Lizards Allowed

There was a discussion about adding the word tortoise back into the ordinance.

There were some small grammatical changes made to the ordinance.

There was a discussion about codifying the TNR program and the difference between the words may and shall.

The committee moved forward on voting to recommend several of the ordinances to put before the city council.

Kristy Wicker made a motion to vote on recommending Section 3-301 Cruelty to Animals. Sandy Moore-Furneau seconded. Motion passed.

Sandy Moore-Furneau moved to recommend Section 3-305 Reporting Found Animals to city council. Jennifer Kidney seconded. Motion passed.

Rebecca Bean made a motion to forward option 1 of Section 3-401 Tethering as amended to city council. Jennifer Kidney seconded. Motion passed with six in favor, one against.

Sandy Moore-Furneau moved to advance section 3-403 Confinement of Dogs and Cats to city council with option one. Dr. David Biles seconded. Motion did not pass-- three in favor four against.

Kristy Wicker made a motion to move forward 3-403 Confinement of Dogs and Cats option 2. Jennifer Kidney seconded. Motion passed with four in favor and three against.

Kristy Wicker made a motion to reconsider the original vote and send both options to city council. Mark Howery seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and two against.

Sandy Moore-Furneau moved to send Section 3-502 Use of Animals at Festivals, Carnivals, and Other Similar Events with amendments to city council. Rebecca Bean seconded. Motion passed with five in favor and two against.

Sandy Moore-Furneau moved to advance section 3-505 Number of Snakes and Lizards Allowed as recommended to city council. Mark Howery seconded. Motion passed.

Jennifer Kidney moved to recommend Tier One and Tier Three ordinances to city council as amended. Sandy Moore-Furneau seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The Biennial Report and Consultant's Report were brought up as possible agenda items.

VII. Miscellaneous Comments

There were no additional comments.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandy Moore-Furneau at approximately 9:34 PM. Dr. Biles seconded, and the motion passed.

x Mark D Howery

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Norman Animal Welfare Monthly Statistical Report December 2018



IN SHELTER ANIMAL COUNTS

	2017			2018			Comparisons	
	Canine	Feline	Total	Canine	Feline	Total	Difference	Percent
Beginning	66	68	134	68	91	159	25	19%
Ending	94	68	162	50	66	116	(46)	-28%

ANIMAL INTAKES

	2017			2018			Comparisons	
	Canine	Feline	Total	Canine	Feline	Total	Difference	Percent
Stray at Large	126	75	201	93	54	147	(54)	-27%
Owner Relinquish	24	16	40	12	22	34	(6)	-15%
Owner Intended Euth	0	1	1	0	0	0	(1)	-100%
Transfer In	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	#DIV/0!
Other Intakes*	12	10	22	3	0	3	(19)	-86%
Returned Animal	0	0	0	8	3	11	11	#DIV/0!
TOTAL LIVE INTAKES	162	102	264	117	79	196	(68)	-26%

*Confiscate, Protective Custody, Born in Shelter, and all other infrequent entries

OTHER STATISTICS

	2017		2018		Comparisons	
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Difference	Percent
Wildlife Collected (DOA)	N/A	0	1	1	1	#DIV/0!
Dog Collected (DOA)	N/A	0	1	1	1	#DIV/0!
Cat Collected (DOA)	N/A	0	2	2	2	#DIV/0!
Wildlife Transferred	N/A	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Intake Horses	N/A	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Intake Cows	N/A	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Intake Goats	N/A	0	1	1	1	#DIV/0!
Intake Sheep	N/A	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Intake Rabbits	N/A	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Intake Pigs	N/A	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Intake Other	N/A	0	1	1	1	#DIV/0!
TOTAL OTHER ITEMS	0	0	6	6	6	#DIV/0!

LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)

	2017	2018
	Dog	13.6
Puppy	4.8	7
Cat	15.4	17.5
Kitten	12.5	23.1

OWNER SURRENDER PENDING INTAKE

	Canine	Feline	Other	Total
Animals	43	18	0	61

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LIVE ANIMAL OUTCOMES

	2017			2018			Comparisons	
	Canine	Feline	Total	Canine	Feline	Total	Difference	Percent
Adoption	67	63	130	59	80	139	9	7%
Return To Owner	41	7	48	51	0	51	3	6%
Transferred Out	16	26	42	20	17	37	(5)	-12%
Returned in Field	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Other Outcome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	124	96	220	130	97	227	7	3%

OTHER ANIMAL OUTCOMES

	2017			2018			Comparisons	
	Canine	Feline	Total	Canine	Feline	Total	Difference	Percent
Died in Care	0	1	1	0	0	0	(1)	-100%
Lost in Care	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0%
Shelter Euth	10	3	13	6	5	11	(2)	-15%
Owner Intended Euth	0	1	1	0	0	0	(1)	-100%
TOTAL OTHER OUTCOMES	10	6	16	6	6	12	(4)	-25%

TOTAL OUTCOMES

	2017			2018			Comparisons	
	Canine	Feline	Total	Canine	Feline	Total	Difference	Percent
Total Live Outcomes	124	96	220	130	97	227	7	3%
Total Other Outcomes	10	6	16	6	6	12	(4)	-25%
TOTAL OUTCOMES	134	102	236	136	103	239	3	1%

SHELTER EUTHANASIA DATA

	Canine	Feline	Other	Total	Percentage
	Medical - Sick	1	5	0	6
Medical - Injured	0	0	0	0	0%
Behavior - Aggressive	5	0	0	5	45%
Behavior - Other	0	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL EUTHANASIA	6	5	0	11	

MONTHLY LIVE RELEASE RATE

2017	2018
93.6%	95.0%

Live Outcomes / (Total Outcomes - Owner Int Euth)



Monthly Service By Assignment

August 2018 to December 2018
Norman Animal Welfare Volunteers (ALL)

Place	Assignment	Aug 2018 Hours	Sep 2018 Hours	Oct 2018 Hours	Nov 2018 Hours	Dec 2018 Hours	Total Hours
Norman Animal Welfare Center	Groomer	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
	NAWC-Bather / Groomer	0:00	0:00	0:00	1:10	0:00	1:10
	NAWC-Beautification Volunteer	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
	NAWC-Cat Socializer	54:06	36:49	69:23	28:28	57:35	246:21
	NAWC-Community Outreach Volunteer	6:00	0:00	0:00	1:00	0:00	7:00
	NAWC-Dog Handler	122:01	77:54	111:15	100:23	146:41	558:14
	NAWC-Foster Program	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
	NAWC-Laundry	2:50	14:00	4:14	0:00	0:00	21:04
	NAWC-Lobby Greeter	75:45	45:06	48:20	29:41	43:57	242:49
	NAWC-Orientation	15:00	10:00	28:00	10:00	9:00	72:00
	NAWC-Photographer	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
	Other Volunteer Services	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
	Veterinarian Assistant Tech	3:00	12:05	19:10	23:20	12:05	69:40
Total		278:42	195:54	280:22	194:02	269:18	1,218:18
Grand total		278:42	195:54	280:22	194:02	269:18	1,218:18