



Animal Care Centers of NYC

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ACC Board Meeting
June 29, 2017
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board Members present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Elaine Keane, Treasurer
Yonaton Aronoff
Sarah Aucoin
Caren Fleit
Det. Andrew Hernandez
Denise Incandela
Corinne Schiff

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm. Chairperson Patrick Nolan, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Patrick noted the reduction in the intake of animals and the national recognition that ACC is receiving for its increasing leadership role in animal welfare.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

Approval of FY 2018 Budget

There was a motion to approve the budget. The budget was approved.

ACC Report

Chief Executive Officer Risa Weinstock, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their continued support of ACC.

The report reflected data for the past five months of calendar year 2017. The city contract base amount for FY 2018 remains flat compared to FY 16 and FY 17. ACC will continue to drive fundraising to ensure growth and improvements throughout the organization. During the past five months, ACC raised over \$1M from several events: Pit Bowl 6; 10th Annual Spring Fling; Spring Luncheon; Foundation Grants; Corporation and Matching Gifts; Legacy Gifts and Direct Mail Campaigns. Funds raised for FY 2017 exceeded the set goal by over \$280,000.

The live release/placement rate for dogs for the first 5 months of 2017 is above 90% and the rate for cats is 94%. Risa noted that ACC's intake diversion plan for cats from mid-December through January had an impact on both the intake and outcome data.

Additionally, the data reflects a significant reduction in the number of intake of cats and dogs from January through May. ACC credits the expansion of its surrender prevention program from Brooklyn into Manhattan, thanks to a grant from the ASPCA.

Also the data shows that adoptions have increased by 6% over the same five month period in 2016 and euthanasia is down by 30% as a percentage of intake. Risa acknowledged the New Hope partners for their role in placing animals and the continued growth in the program; sixteen New Hope partners were added over the past five months. Through a recent grant from the ASPCA, New Hope partners will a financial incentive to pull animals that ACC identifies at intake. This incentive will help to reduce the length of stay for specific animals.

With emphasis on length of stay (which impacts the health and ACC's capacity to care for all of the animals), the New Hope Task Force is focusing on creating a network of fosters that will be available to New Hope partners while they arrange transportation.

ACC has introduced two programs; Open Selection and Fast Track, designed to make more animals available for the adoption process and to reduce their length of stay.

The Community Outreach program continues to successfully raise awareness of the services ACC can offer to help individuals keep their pets healthy and to prevent surrender. During the past five months, over 500 pets were vaccinated in the Bronx and hundreds of spay/neuter appointments have been lined up due to ACC's pet clinics. A short video of ACC's Community Pet Program was shown.

ACC was a successful finalist in The Petco Foundation Innovation Competition and was awarded \$100,000 for its digital shelter innovation. This program is designed to bring more awareness to ACC and is expected to launch by the end of 2017.

Update on Status of NYC Animal Shelter Capital Projects

Rachel Atcheson of the Mayor's Office, Community Affairs on Animal Welfare presented an update on the NYC animal shelter capital projects. She mentioned the key agencies involved and their roles in the process. New shelters will be constructed in Staten Island, the Bronx and Queens, and there will be renovations to the Brooklyn shelter and the Manhattan shelter garage. In an effort to ensure that the new shelters will provide up to date housing for the animals, the City consulted with several nationally recognized design firms. Rachel discussed the phase of work and the timelines for each location.

Public Comment

All public comments were heard from 2:13pm to 2:33pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm.