

MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 21, 2019

The Animal Control Advisory Committee was called to order at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

I. Call to Order:

On March 21, 2019, the first meeting of the year was held. Members in attendance were: Dr. Kelly Anderson, Pat Eiche, Suzie Meierdierks, and Cpt. Jerry Witte.

Members excused: Lynne Knutzen and Sgt. Brian Agnew

Guests attending: Kelly Madcharo and Matt Madcharo

Staff present were: Steve Beal, Bryce Gruhn and Denise Bollwitt, recording.

II. Approval of Agenda- Agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes-Minutes was approved.

IV. Public Session-None

V. Division Report- Steve introduced Kelly Madcharo as a possible new member to ACAC. Once approved by the Health Director, she can officially be a member. Matt Madcharo from Capital Humane Society was also in attendance. Steve will be doing some public speaking for the Southeast Kiwanis Club and The Lincoln Animal Ambassador's "Spayghetti and No Balls" fundraiser. Pat Eiche was nominated for the Community Health Award by the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department for her many years of service on ACAC. Steve introduced Officer Bryce Gruhn and spoke of the other new officer, Daniel Howard. Steve handed out the Humane Society outcomes report. Impounds have decreased.

VI. Current Business-Action Items—

A. Verizon Network Fleet Services presentation: Steve showed a power point to members showcasing how the AVL works. This is what Animal Control is using to possibly be able to dispatch by geographical areas instead of assigned areas. This works very well especially of the on call officers and being able to locate them if necessary. Steve can also get the statistics on the vehicles for maintenance and mileage.

B. Discussion on ordinance revision for Irresponsible Owners: Steve passed out Nebraska Humane Society's current ordinance for "Reckless Owner". He is requesting some feedback for proposed language changes be sent to him. Steve would like to look at a proposed Tethering Ordinance. This would be similar to Nebraska Humane Society's ordinance. It would limit the amount of time a dog could be on a tether outside.

C. Legislative Update on LB 61 & LB 382: LB61 was introduced addressing vaccination for rabies & post exposure management of domestic animals. Dr. Broderon of UNL testified on this bill. The bill basically requests that veterinarians follow manufacturing labels for renewal dates. One citizen wanted a definition of “household pet”, which apparently was not discussed in the proposed bill. LB382 is a bill requiring pet shops to keep documentation on pets and have them available for customer review at the time of purchase. Capital Humane Society & Nebraska Humane Society testified in opposition. The bill was withdrawn.

VII. Current Business-Information Items-nothing

VI. Future Business—nothing was addressed

VII. Adjournment—meeting adjourned at 1303 hrs.
Submitted by Denise Bollwitt