

# Animal Welfare Committee

Minutes for March 16, 2023

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*Carol Kosel*  
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*Mary Andrews*  
Clerk

*Ana Molina-Villella*  
Member

*Joan Brandt*  
Alternate

*Erika Cervasio, D.V.M.*  
Alternate

**Present:** AWC: Carol Kosel, Sharon Baker, Erika Cervasio  
ACO: Jeff Collins

The Animal Welfare Committee meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. at Mansfield Airport.

## Approve Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from February 16, 2023. Passes.

## Cats

- Sharon discussed possible options for cat cages in the quarantine room. She is looking at stainless steel as they are easy to clean and disinfect.
- Sharon reported that Fresca will be transferred to a rescue that has a barn available for him.
- Foster cats April, Gus, Fig, Flo and Kally are all doing well. A question was asked about Max who was placed in foster in 2021. Sharon will investigate his situation.

## ACO Report

- In response to a question, Jeff responded that getting dogs or cats from other shelters is possible but is restricted to those towns or organizations that have provided help to Mansfield in the past or that have relationships with the Shelter. Therefore, it is not likely we will be getting many additional animals in the near term.

## Dogs

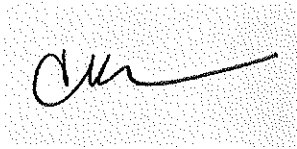
- The one surviving Portuguese Water Dog puppy has been named Petunia by Karen Prevett who is fostering her. Petunia has an approved application and will go home once she is ready.
- Bogey is the only other dog in foster care and he is with a former vet tech from Dr. Trapani's office.
- Once we run out of the current bags of EN dog food, the Shelter will switch to Hill's Science Diet, Sensitive Stomach and Skin for all dogs when they first come in, or those with digestive issues. This food is non-prescription and is very similar to the prescription EN or ID foods.

### **Maintenance**

- Jeff mentioned that the outdoor light pole for the back dog yard is on the list of items for completion by the town. He does not know when they will begin installation.
- Carol met with Ana Vilella and Frank Guerrini this afternoon to discuss installing crushed stone or wood chips in the back play yard. After discussion, it was decided that the best option would be pea stone. Carol will reach out to Ana to ask Guerrini to provide a quote for the installation.
- Jeff mentioned he will get some bigger rodent traps for the ceiling as there are sounds of movement above the storeroom.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned 7:11 p.m.

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Signature of Clerk Carol Kosel (Acting Clerk)

Date: 3/16/2023