



Town of Mansfield Animal Welfare Committee

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Minutes for April 21, 2022

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Chuck MacKean
Chairman

Carol Kosel
Vice-Chairman

Joan Brandt
Alternate

Mary Andrews
Clerk

Erika Cervasio, D.V.M.
Alternate

Ana Molina-Villella
Member

Sharon Baker
Member

Present: AWC: Carol Kosel, Sharon Baker, Mary Andrews, Ana Villella, Chuck MacKean
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 March 17th, 2022. Passes.

Shelter Maintenance

- Gutters have been installed at the shelter to prevent icy patches on the ground and the danger of icicles dropping from the roof.
- Jeff has ordered 12 new kennel flaps.
- Ana will look into M.S.F. purchasing a floodlight for the outside dog play area since it could be July before the town's Capital Improvement Committee will consider covering the expense.
- Jeff will order more cat cage bottom trays if no spares are in the storage room or trailer.

Dogs

- Bella has been returned to the shelter, about three weeks after her adoption. Her owners had immediately started working with a dog trainer, but issues such as extreme separation anxiety, and reactivity to other dogs and some people, worsened to the point that the owners no longer felt safe with Bella, or that they could give her the extensive training she requires, so they very reluctantly and tearfully surrendered her. Sue Thibedau has been consulted, and she believes that Bella's issues will be difficult to resolve, and would require a year's commitment of 24/7 attention and training. Jeff will contact the shelter in N. H. from which Bella was original adopted to see if they have the resources to work with her. Mansfield Shelter is not equipped, and there is no potential foster home that could give Bella the attention and training she requires.
- Balto will be going to his new home after he is neutered.

Cats

- Gregory needs Revolution to treat ear mites
- Peanut Butter needs hospice fostering from someone who can monitor his health.
- Jeff will ask Steve to use the Vet Visit Form the next time he takes cats to a vet.
- Jeff will speak with Kaycee, and ask her to note in the reception log when she brings new cats to the shelter so that they will not be overlooked when volunteers come in.
- Jeff will speak with Kaycee about getting permission from Reba's owner to have her vaccinated.

Miscellaneous

Sharon reiterated that volunteers should not post shelter animals on Facebook unless the posting has been approved by the ACO or M.S.F. Ideally, requests for posting should go to Carol Kosel, who can post on the shelter Facebook page.

Adjournment

Adjourned 7:15 p.m.



Signature of Clerk Date: 4/21/22