



Animal Welfare Committee

Minutes for July 20, 2023

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MANSFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

Present: AWC: Carol Kosel, Mary Andrews, Sharon Baker, Ana Villella
ACO: Francesca Maciejko, Jeff Collins

The Animal Welfare Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Mansfield Airport.

Approve Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from May 18, 2023. Passes.

Motion: To approve the minutes from June 22, 2023. Passes.

Motion: To approve the minutes from Executive Session, June 22, 2023. Passes.

Cats

- Sharon reported that Lawton Farm has contacted Mansfield Shelter Friends about kittens on the farm that could be trapped and taken to the shelter.
- The cat that Stephanie DiSalvo is fostering is a male, not a pregnant female.
- Sharon provided Jeff with information on the cats and kittens, taken from a hoarding situation, and currently in foster homes.

Dogs

- Mate is being held at the shelter after repeated biting incidents in his home. Most recently, he bit eight or nine times, unprovoked. Mate has been turned over to the shelter and he will be euthanized next week.
- The court date for Bella's case is July 27th.
- Woof still has no good adoption applications.

A.C.O.

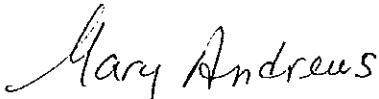
- We reviewed some shelter practices, and information on how veterinary expenses are paid, for the benefit of new A.C.O. Francesca Maciejko.
- Jeff and Francesca reported an incident this week where a dog volunteer incorrectly brought a dog into the shelter through the front door and into the lobby, causing another dog to be bitten. Francesca will follow up with that volunteer.

Maintenance

- The project for covering the dog play yard with 3 inches of gravel and 3 inches of pea stone has not progressed because Mike Ahern has not yet given approval. Mansfield Shelter Friends is covering the cost of the project. Francesca will contact Mike about completing the project.
- A floodlight for the dog play area still has not been installed. Again, we are waiting for the town.
- Jeff suggested getting a mechanism that would prevent the dog guillotine doors from coming out of their runners if they are raised too high. Francesca offered to get supplies at the hardware store and do the installation.
- Francesca obtained approval to have Wi-Fi installed at the shelter.

Adjournment

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.



Signature of Clerk Date: 7/20/2023