



CITY OF ROWLETT ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

Our Vision: A well-planned lakeside community of quality neighborhoods, distinctive amenities, diverse employment, and cultural charm. Rowlett: THE place to live, work and play.

Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:30 P.M.

Community Development Conference Room
5702 Rowlett Road

1. Call to Order.
2. Citizens' Input
At this time, three-minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Board, please submit a fully-completed request card to the Secretary of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Input portion of the Board meeting. No action can be taken by the Board during Citizens' input.
3. Consider approving the minutes from the February 13, 2020 meeting.
4. Update and discussion from Animal Services Division regarding statistics.
5. Update and discussion from Friends of Rowlett Animals (FRAS) from offsite adoption events.
6. Ordinance Review of Article I, Sec. 6-8, Sec 6-9, Article IV, All sections
7. Discuss and update Project List.
8. Public Announcement. Members of the Board or Commission and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor taken any action with regard to the announcements.
9. Members of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.
10. Adjournment.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Macey Dyson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Macey Dyson, Animal Services Officer

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City of Rowlett
Regular Meeting
Animal Services Advisory Board
Thursday, February 13, 2020
Community Development Conference Room
5702 Rowlett Rd, Rowlett, Texas 75089

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order.

Deana Seigler, Chairperson, called to order the regular meeting of the Rowlett Animal Shelter Advisory Board at 7:31 pm on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

The following members were present: Deana Seigler, Michele Orahoad, Sue Hartson, Dr. Michele Hoag and Israel Deaces. City Staff present were: Munal Mauladad, David Gensler, Victoria Barham, Asher Moore and Macey Dyson. City Councilmember present: Brownie Sherrill.

II. Citizen input.

There were no speakers.

III. Consider approving minutes from January 9, 2020 meeting.

The Chairperson, Deana Seigler, opened the floor for comments or questions regarding the minutes. Dr. Hoag made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by David Gensler. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Ordinance Review: Proposed changes - Chapter 6 – Animals; Article I Sec. 6-6, 6-7 and Article III Sec. 6-71, 6-72, 6-73, 6-74, 6-75, 6-76, 6-77, 6-78, 6-79 and 6-80.

Board members and staff reviewed the proposed changes that were suggested at the January 9, 2020 meeting.

Board members and staff discussed changes to the specific Sections of the Ordinance scheduled for this meeting.

V. Public Announcement

Next ASAB meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020

Next ASAB meeting will be held at Community Development Building, 5702 Rowlett Road
February 15, 2020 Adoption Event – Shelter

VI. Future Agenda Topics

Update from staff on shelter stats

FRAS updates

Ordinance review

Project List Updates

VII. Adjournment

The Chair called for a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by David Gensler and seconded by Sue Hartson. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 08:28 pm.

Deana Seigler, Chairperson

Macey Dyson, Assigned City Staff

Date Approved



Animal Shelter Advisory Board Agenda Item

AGENDA DATE: 03/12/2020

AGENDA ITEM: 4

AGENDA LOCATION

Community Development Conference Room

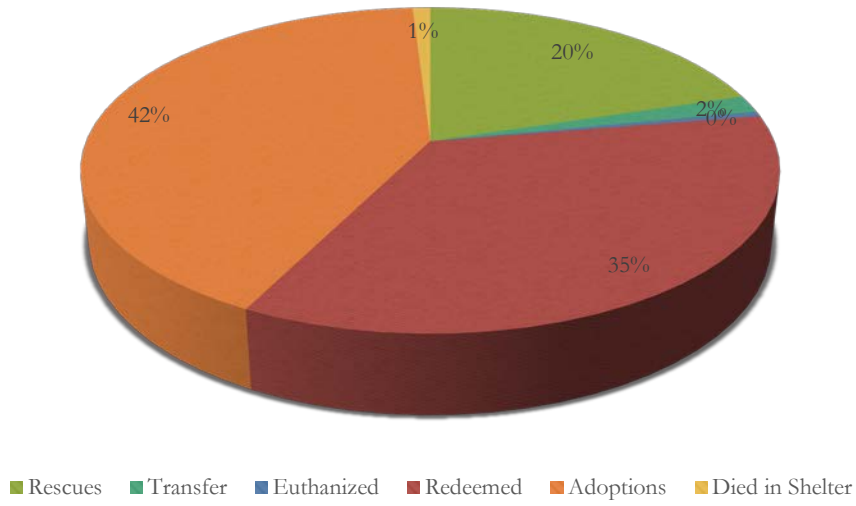
TITLE

Update on Shelter activity statistics

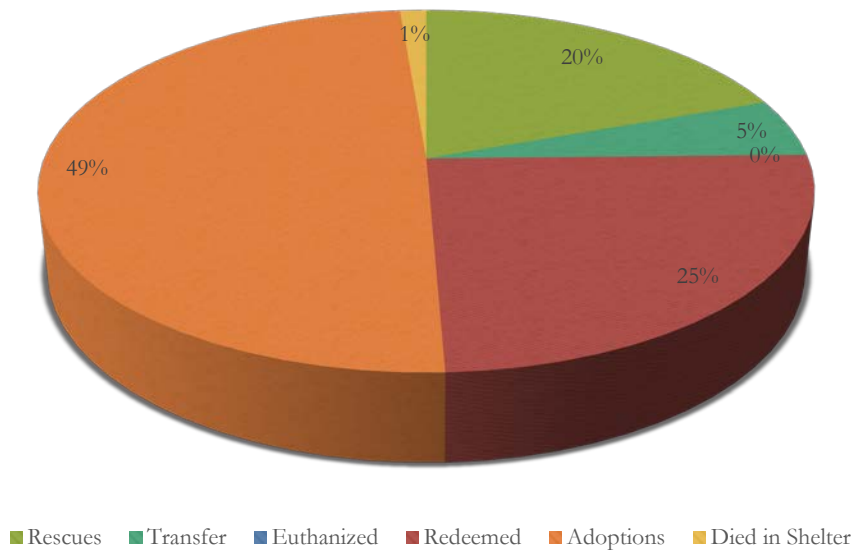
DISCUSSION

The shelter's live release rate 100%

FY 20 Yearly Stats



December 2019 Stats





Animal Shelter Advisory Board Agenda Item

AGENDA DATE: 03/12/2020

AGENDA ITEM: 6

AGENDA LOCATION

Community Development Conference Room

TITLE

Ordinance Review

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Animal Shelter Advisory Board will review Code of Ordinances- Article I, Sec. 6-8, Sec 6-9, Article IV, All sections

DISCUSSION

Selected ordinances will be reviewed and discussed by Board and Staff to determine if changes or updates to ordinances are necessary.

- **Sec. 6-8. - Animal care guidelines.**

(a) *Provisions of food, shelter, and care.* No person shall fail to provide his animal with sufficient good and wholesome food and water, proper shelter and protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment.

(b) *Dog tethering.* It shall be unlawful for a person to use a chain, rope, tether, leash, cable or other device to attach a dog to a stationary object or trolley system.

(c) *Defenses.* It shall be a defense to an offense alleged to have been committed under subsection (b) if the tethering of a dog is a temporary restraint that occurs:

(1) During a lawful animal event, veterinary treatment, grooming, training or law enforcement activity;

(2) In order to protect the safety or welfare of a person or the dog and the dog's owner maintains direct physical control of the dog;

(3) In the direct physical control of an owner in a designated city dog park; or

(4) While on the owner's premises and:

a. The dog is within the owner's direct physical control, and

b. The restraint prevents the dog from advancing to within 15 feet of the edge of any public street, sidewalk or other public right-of-way.

(d) *Restraint specifications.* The defenses provided in subsection (c) do not apply unless the restraint meets the following specifications:

(1) The chain, rope, tether, leash, cable or other device is attached to a properly fitted collar or harness worn by the dog and is not placed directly around the dog's neck;

(2) The chain, rope, tether, leash, cable, or other device does not exceed one-tenth of the dog's body weight;

(3) The chain, rope, tether, leash, cable, or other device, by design and placement allows the dog a reasonable and unobstructed range of motion without entanglement; and

(4) The dog is restrained in a manner that provides necessary shelter and clean wholesome water.

(e) *Penalties.* An offense under this section is a class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00. If a person violates this section with respect to more than one dog, the person's conduct with respect to each dog constitutes a separate offense. An offense under this section is cumulative and not exclusive of any other offense under the law.

(f) *Hand-held leashes.* This section does not apply to and shall not prohibit a person from walking a dog with a hand-held leash.

(g) *Fenced enclosures.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a dog within a fenced enclosure in which the fence is in a state of disrepair.

(h) *Trap, neuter/spay, return program.* It is the policy of the City of Rowlett to encourage practices, programs and policies that are designed to humanely capture, neuter or spay, and return feral cats to their place of capture as a means of controlling feral cat populations. The animal control manager or their designee shall develop and approve policies and programs to encourage and promote the humane capture, veterinarian evaluation, neutering/spaying, and humane release of feral cats. It shall be a defense to the prosecution of an offense under [section 6-71](#) ("Registration Required") and [section 6-236](#) ("Harboring Unvaccinated Animals") if the animal is a feral cat participating in a trap, neuter and return program authorized by the animal control manager.

(Code 1982, § 9-1-22; Ord. No. 031-09, § 2, 10-20-2009; Ord. No. 023-18, § 1, 8-21-2018)

- **Sec. 6-9. - Protection of animals.**

(a) *Poisonous substances.* No person shall knowingly expose any known poisonous substance, whether mixed with food or not, so that the same may be eaten by any pet or domestic animal.

(b) *Abuse of animal; fighting.* No person shall beat, cruelly ill-treat, overload, overwork, or otherwise abuse an animal, or cause, instigate or permit any dogfight, cockfight, bullfight or other combat between animals or between animal and humans.

(c) *Abandonment.* No owner of an animal shall abandon such animal.

(d) *Striking with a vehicle.* Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes a domestic animal shall stop at once and render such assistance as may be possible, and shall immediately report such injury or death to the animal's owner. If the owner cannot be ascertained and located, such operator shall at once report the accident to the animal control division or police department.

(e) *Leaving animals in parked vehicles.* It shall be unlawful to leave an animal in a standing or parked vehicle without providing the animal with adequate air and protection from the heat or cold. An animal left under such conditions may be impounded.

(f) *Leaving animals unattended.* No person shall keep, harbor or allow an animal to remain for more than 48 hours at a residential dwelling that does not have water service. It shall be a defense to prosecution under this subsection if the owner has arranged for regular care and feeding of the animal during the owner's absence at a residential dwelling that has functional water service.

(Code 1982, § 9-1-23)



Animal Shelter Advisory Board Agenda Item

AGENDA DATE: 03/12/2020

AGENDA ITEM: 7

AGENDA LOCATION

Community Development Conference Room

TITLE

Discuss Future Projects

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At every ASAB meeting, members may request agenda topics for future meetings. Staff would like to open discussion and provide updates on items requested.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
Potential Future Partnerships and grants	Sue Hartson	1/22/2019	Work in Progress
Mandatory Spay/Neuter	Dawna Carabjal	3/12/2019	No Action – Closed Removed at 11/14/2019 meeting
Dogs in back of pickup trucks	Dawna Carabjal	3/12/2019	This will become a part of Reviewing of ordinances Removed at 11/14/2019 meeting
What more can members of ASAB do?	Deana Seiger	6/13/2019	Postponed to January Meeting
Review Ordinances	Katie Rinz	6/13/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick-off 9/12/2019 Definitions 11/14/2019
Explore Shelter dog ride along	Sue Hartson	7/9/2019	Chief Brodnax will discuss with patrol officers during upcoming briefing
Mandatory Microchipping	Asher Moore	9/12/2019	
Breeding Permits	Asher Moore	9/12/2019	
Occupancy Rates	Deana	9/12/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Munal @11/14/2019 meeting
Education/Ordinance – Newborn Kittens	Victoria/Deana	9/12/2019	
Planning for 2020	ASAB Board Members	11/14/2019	January 9, 2020 Discuss prioritizing projects, meeting dates, etc.

