

PORTERVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION
October 8, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Pledge of allegiance led by Daniel Penalzoa

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Pizanis, Vice Chair Penalzoa, Valerie Simonich, and Jerry Hall.
Absent: None

Oral Communications:

No one came forward

Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2018 minutes approved as is.

Reports:

Shelter stats for September 2018. Lt. Standridge said that 82 dogs were rescued in September. Vice Chair Penalzoa noticed that there were several adoption events in September. Lt. Standridge attributed the increase in adoption events to the new Live Release Coordinator, Kaiio Fox. He praised her enthusiasm for the position and dedication to raising the number of adoptions. Chair Pizanis asked for clarification on the meaning of "surgically altered cats." Lt. Standridge said that the statistic is the number of Trap-Neuter-Release cats.

Scheduled Matters

There were no scheduled matters

Other Matters

Lt. Standridge said that Sportsman's Warehouse in Visalia invited us to participate in their adoption event. An adoption event was also held at Wink Boutique. Pet Smart has increased adoption events to twice a week on Fridays and Saturdays. Lt. Standridge said that they are trying to hold adoption events in locations that attract families and children to increase the likelihood of adoption. Mr. Hall suggested holding adoptions at the Music on Main Street event in Porterville and the Concert in the Park event held in Springville. Chair Pizanis reminded the commission of the possibility of participating in the McDermont Field House dog show in January.

Lt. Standridge expressed concern that while there are many animal shelter volunteers, very few consistently participate in volunteer work. In order to solve this issue Lt. Standridge told the commission that Animal Control will be more selective and screen volunteers more thoroughly. Volunteers who have not been active in the last 6 months will be released.

Lt. Standridge announced that a system for mailing automatic notices for citizens who need to renew their animal licenses is in the final stages. In addition, citizens cited for not having animal licenses will now receive a "fix-it" ticket. Classifying the ticket as a correctable offense will give people the opportunity to obtain a license and avoid spending unnecessary time in court.

Lt. Standridge said that the plans for the new shelter are finished however the final cost of the project is to be determined. Mr. Hall suggested the possibility of acquiring Measure H funds for the project. The commission was reminded that the possibility had already been explored and that Measure H funds are already allocated.

Mr. Hall suggested to change the Animal Control Commission meeting time to 7:00 PM. Chair Pizanis made a motion to move the meeting time to 7:00 PM every second Monday of the month. All members approved her motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm

Respectfully submitted by Tessa St Clair



Florenza Pizanis, Chair