



Municipality of Anchorage
Animal Control Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2017



1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Hamer. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Allegra Hamer, Chair; Kari Campbell; Sandy Traini; James Hagee, DVM; Michael Zechman; Jay Jackson; Jennifer Spencer (by phone); Christine Roalofs, Vice Chair; DMD (by phone)

Members Absent: Kayla Epstein

Staff Present: Michael Tierney, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); Kristin Troxell, DHHS; Myra Wilson, Animal Licensing and Placement Services (ALPS); Laura Atwood, ALPS

2. **Minutes from the December 13, 2016 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes by Ms. Traini and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The minutes were approved as written.
3. **Requested Presentations:** None.
4. **Persons to be Heard:** None.
5. **Standing Reports:**

Anchorage Animal Care and Control (AACC) Monthly Report and Public Outreach

Dr. Myra Wilson reported on December activity.

AACC received fewer animals in 2016 compared to 2015, the total number of animals received in 2016 was 4111 compared to 4486 in 2015. During 2016 the total number of cats received decreased by 128, the total number of dogs received decreased by 305 but the total number of other animals increased by 60. The number of stray cats received between 2016 and 2015 remained about the same, but there was a decrease in the number of cats received in the owner surrender category. The cat claim rate was approximately 15% in both 2015 and 2016, which is a good number compared to national numbers. The total number of licenses sold decreased this year. AACC is hoping that the licensing campaign developed in 2016 will carry over into 2017 and increase the number of licenses sold in 2017. The number of spay and neuter surgeries performed by AACC decreased in 2016. The total number of spays and neuters performed in 2015 was 463 compared to 377 in 2016. The total number of requests for service remained almost the same between 2016 and 2015, during 2015 they received 5595 total requests for service

compared to 5593 in 2016. AACC classified 44 animals in 2015 compared to 22 in 2016. This was partially due to the strict liability issue that took several months to resolve. The total number of NOV's issued increased, during 2016 there were 1040 NOV's issued compared to 862 in 2015. The number of patrol miles driven increased, there were 71,114 total patrol miles driven in 2016 compared to 58,000 in 2015. The number of animal bites decreased, the total number of animal bites was 577 in 2016 compared to 602 in 2015. There are currently two vacant officer positions that AACC is trying to fill.

Laura Atwood reported on December activity.

There were several media requests during December:

- KTVA & KTUU requested an update on Coshok's facility case.

AACC participated in several outreach activities during December including:

- Meeting with the Robotics Club at Wonder Lake Elementary
- Low Cost Rabies Clinic
- Monthly Pet Supply & Pet Food Give-Away

Shelter Tours of the AACC Facility were given to the following groups during December:

- Faith Lutheran's Kindergarten Class
- Jewel Lake Ward Activities Day

School visit made during October and November:

- Taku Elementary- 3 Visits

6. Committee Reports:

a. Off-Leash Dog Area Committee (Ms. Epstein, Chair) – Ms. Epstein was not in attendance to report.

b. Title 17 Review Committee (Ms. Campbell, Chair) – Ms. Campbell reported on the committee activities. The committee submitted the ordinance approved by ACAB at the December meeting to the MOA Legal Department for review. They have received feedback from the MOA Legal Department with some suggestions for very minor revisions, nothing substantial. The Title 17 Committee has started the discussion and began working on the next set of revision to Title 17, standards of care for commercial facilities.

7. DHHS Staff Reports:

Michael Tierney, DHHS Administration reported that Jay Jackson, Kayla Epstein, and Christine Roalofs were approved at the Jan. 24th Assembly meeting for another term on advisory board. Recommended that phone numbers of board members be removed from the contact information listed online and only display email address. Members present concurred.

8. New Business: None.

9. Informational Items:

- a.** Next Regular Meeting – The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the classroom at the Animal Care and Control Center located at 4711 Elmore Road.
- b.** Next Title 17 Committee Meeting – The next committee meeting will be held Thursday February 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the classroom at the Animal Care and Control Center.

10. Adjournment: Ms. Hamer made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Campbell. With no objections the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.