



Municipality of Anchorage  
**Animal Control Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 30, 2017**



1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Ms. Hamer. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Allegra Hamer, Chair; Christine Roalofs, Vice Chair; Jay Jackson; Mitzi Bolanos; Kari Campbell; Jennifer Spencer

**Members Absent:** Cathy Foerster; Sandi Traini

**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 October 26, 2017 Meeting:** Ms. Roalofs made a motion to approve the minutes. Motioned seconded by Ms. Jackson. 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**

Myra Wilson reported on October 2017.

Total number of animals received year-to-date during 2017 (3,873) has increased from 2016 (3,554), by 319 more animals. During the month of October 2017, AACC took in 2 fewer animals than during October 2016; Total of 393 animals during October 2017 compared to 395 animals during October 2016.

The October 2017 cat claim rate was 21% and the cat adoption rate was 70%. The October 2017 dog claim rate was 82% and the dog adoption rate was 69%. Total number of dog licenses sold year-to-date during 2017 is 5,299; licenses sold decreased from 2016 of 5,557. During the month of October 2017, 481 dog licenses were issued compared to 559 in 2016.

The total number of requests for service during October 2017 was 402 which is less than October 2016 requests of 442. Year-to-date the total number of requests for service

received during 2017 has decreased; 4,729 calls received during 2017 compared to 4,947 during 2016. The total number of reported bites during October 2017 has decreased compared to October 2016; 33 bites reported during October 2017 compared to 47 during October 2016. Year-to-date the total number of reported bites during 2017 has increased; 550 reported bites during 2017 compared to 506 during 2016.

Laura Atwood reported on October activity.

Media requests:

- KTUU requested an interview regarding the entry of Linus and Sue's adoption story in the Hill's Shelter Tale Contest to win \$10,000.00.

AACC participated in the following outreach activity during October:

- Foster Program Open House to educate the community about the foster program and encourage people to join the program.
- Pet Food and Supply Give-away in partnership with Dog Tired Doggie Daycare.

Shelter Tours & School Visits during October:

- Presented on dog bite prevention to 364 students during October, Mayor Berkowitz joined for the 10/5/17 presentation at Rogers Park Elementary.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

### **a. Off-Leash Dog Area Committee – (Michael Tierney)**

- South Anchorage Dog Park – The “all dog” area is now open and about 95% complete. The fence and gate have been installed, and the sign is posted. In the spring there will be additional work done to re-grade the drainage near the new berm and the entry way. Parks and Recreation will be replacing some of the dying spruce trees in the berm. The “small dog: under 25 lbs.” area, is open for the winter, but it will be closed in the spring to re-seed the grass. Parks and Recreation is soliciting for volunteers to assist with the park cleanup and maintenance.

### **b. Title 17 Review Committee – (Kari Campbell)**

- The committee has not met since the last report.

**7. DHHS Staff Reports:**

Michael Tierney, DHHS Administration – The Alaska Dispatch ran an article on Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR). Prop. 62 that would allow TNR in Alaska was unanimously voted down [by the State Board of Game]. The watershed committee would like data on cats and have some questions. I did attend their last committee meeting and offered to make myself available.

**8. New Business:**

None.

**9. Informational Items:**

a. Ms. Campbell asked for an update on the “Reading with Rover” program request. If the program reads to the animals in the public areas they can come any time during business hours with adult supervision and read to the animals outside the cages. The Mayor’s office has responded back to Ashley [the requestor].

b. Next Regular Meeting – The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday, January 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the classroom at the Animal Care and Control Center located at 4711 Elmore Road.

**10. Adjournment:** Ms. Jackson made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. Bolanos. With no objections the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.