



## Spay and Neuter Advisory Board Meeting Minutes For June 20, 2017

Spay/Neuter Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting held on June 20 at the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Advisory Board Members present:

Amy Hanigan-AH

Mark Powell-Proxy for Steve Connelly (MDA)-

Tami Santelli (HSUS-Chair)-TS

MP

Robin Catlett (Anne Arundel Co Animal Services)-RC

Caroline Griffin-CG

Board Members not present: Amy Carney and representative of Pet Food Industry (seat vacant)

Additional Attendees: Emily Hovermale (HSUS)

Staff Support Spay/Neuter Program: Jane Mallory (MDA) -JM

### I. Introduction:

Meeting called to order by Chair T. Santelli (Chair). TS- Welcomed all.

RC motion to approve meeting minutes from April meeting. AH 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

JM reviewed materials and spreadsheets provided to board to aid in the review, including JM's proposed recommended changes in budget reflecting reductions ranging from 10% to 30%.

### II. Discussion on reduction in scope for those identified as possibly scaled back from the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Board discussed how to proceed and decided to start with applications identified as those possible for scaling back of effort, in rank order from highest to lowest. Decided to discuss each application and where surgeries could be scaled back.

**335: Frederick County AC:** AH motion to approve with scale back on surgeries of 25%. CG 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed cost and location. Need to include local vets due to lack of low cost options. RC request amendment to change cut to 20%. AH accepted. RC 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**312: Humane Society Somerset Co/Rude Ranch:** AH motion to approve with scale back on surgeries of 20%. No 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion failed. RC motion to approve with scale back on surgeries of 10%. No 2<sup>nd</sup>. CS motion to approve as is with no scale back of surgeries. RC 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5 in favor. 1 opposed (AH). Motion passed.

**330: Best Friends of Harford Co:** CG motion to approve with no scaling back of surgeries. RC 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**322: Last Chance Animal Rescue:** AH motion to approve with scale back on surgeries of 10%. MP 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**305: Baltimore Co Dept Health:** AH motion to approve as is with no scale back of surgeries. TS 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed quality of application, good price point and number of surgeries presently being done. 5 in favor. One opposed (CG). Motion passed.



**319: MD SPCA:** CG motion to approve with a scale back on surgeries of 40%. TS 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed the overall reduction in annual surgeries and need for explanation of the decline, particularly since MDSPCA is one of the top spay/neuter providers in the state. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**313: Caroline Humane:** AH motion to approve with a scale back on surgeries of 30%. TS 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**332: Charm City Companions:** CG motion to approve as is with no scale back on surgeries. AH 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed that applicant provided good information on intake, impact and difficult area of need. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**314: Bowie CLAW:** AH motion to approve with a 20% scale back in surgeries. CG 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed capacity and reduction of annual surgeries. TS request to amend motion to reduce surgeries to 10%. AH withdrawal motion. RC motion to approve with a scale back on surgeries by 15%. CG 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**315: Chesapeake Feline Assoc:** AH motion to approve with a scale back on surgeries by 25%. RC 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**317: Cecil Co AC:** AH motion to approve with scale back on surgeries by 15%. MP 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed capacity and potential impact. AH amended her motion to approve with a scale back on surgeries by 20%. MP 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

**309: Prince George Co:** AH motion to approve as is without a scale back on surgeries. No 2<sup>nd</sup>. CG motion approve with a scale back on surgeries of 20%. RC 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed need in county but drop in procedures, past funding performance and numbers provided in % instead of hard numbers. 5 in favor. One opposed (AH). Motion passed.

Board calculated budget with percent cuts included and totaled the budget for all recommended projects would be~ \$860,881.00

The following are items and issues brought up during the meeting that would be discussed in a future meeting. These Tickler List items are those that may be possible program improvements. There were:

- *For those counties where AC does not do cats, is there a way for groups to get numbers from State Highway or AC on number of road killed cats.*
- *For applicants in Tri county area, request numbers that only relate to your county.*
- *Possible subcommittee to look at how to encourage applications from specific areas that may have high intake and euthanasia but have not utilized or underutilized the program.*

### III. New Business:

AH. Would like to form subcommittee to review data from last 3 years. Board to think about it.

### IV. Public Comments:

None.

### V. Next Meeting Date:

JM to work on Tickler list to circulate to board prior to next meeting. Next meeting tentatively set for sometime in October. JM will send a doodle poll to board members to determine an October meeting date. \*

### VI. Adjourned.



MP-Motion to adjourn. AH-2nd . All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

\*subsequent to meeting JM determined November was a more feasible month for the next meeting.