

Animal Advisory Council Notes: June 24

MEETING START: 5:00 PM

FINISH: 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Chuck, Dave, Jen, Karen, Madelyn, Rick, Stephanie, Suzann and Vilma

MEETING DATES SET: The 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning July 15, 2014 until adjusted.

WORK PLATFORM ACCEPTED: Google Drive.

PRESS RELEASES: Board will collaborate on topics. Goal – 2 a month.

ANIMAL SHELTER VISITS: CMC Animal Shelter Anniversary, July 16. Animal Welfare Society most days.

HORSES: State guidelines seem adequate for care of current horse population.

4-H FAIR: The 4-H Fair will begin July 17 and continue through July 19.

ANIMALS IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS:

The Fire Department has cages to set up in designated shelter.

Learn if there is a written plan for sheltering pets during an emergency.

Contact Avalon to acquire their disaster response for animals.

Share CART plans. Schedule a visit from Ed Taylor of CART (County Animal Response Team).

Public needs to be aware of pet designated shelters.

Provisions must be made for evacuation of pets.

LICENSES:

Licensing depends on rabies vaccinations which have to be before a specified date to qualify.

Veterinarians can chose to vaccinate every two years to avoid the qualifying gap.

ENFORCEMENT:

Who has the authority to enforce?

What steps can police or animal control take to rescue a pet in distress in a car?

ANIMALS IN EXTREME WEATHER:

Seek guidelines from AVMA and American Humane.

Temperature guidelines should consider humidity also.

Review ordinances in surrounding communities like Upper and Wildwood.

Any ordinance must provide for differing needs.

Shade must be provided May to October.

Appropriate shelter must protect against wind, sleet, snow, cold.

Temperature for outside safety 40 – 85.

Water must be provided in a container which cannot be overturned.

PETS IN CARS:

Consider various initiatives including signage in mall lots, signs in stores and campgrounds, bumper stickers and pledges.

Allow Police and Animal Control entrance into cars with struggling pets.

Define Good Samaritan actions.

EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION:

Connect CMC Facebook page.

Notice of animal issues in tax bill.

Obtain a way for the public to contact the board (email address).

Press releases.

Publish stories.

HERALD REPORTER IN ATTENDANCE:

J. McCarty of the Herald attended the meeting and shared it in a news item.

<http://www.capemaycountyherald.com/article/pets+and+animals/court+house/101392-middle+convenes+animal+advisory+board>

MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED FIRST