



Animal
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ACC Board Meeting
June 24, 2015
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board Members and Officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. J. Khulman, Secretary
Elaine Keane, Treasurer
Dan Kass
Yonaton Aronoff
Mike Dockett
James Luongo
Caren Fleit
Risa Weinstock, Executive director

The meeting commenced at 10:37 am. Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. He announced the addition of two new members to the ACC Board, Caren Fleit and Linda Chinn. Patrick stated that Linda has been very active in ACC's fund raising ventures and is a member of the ACC Fund Raising Committee. Caren spoke briefly about her background and noted her commitment to ACC.

Patrick also introduced the NYPD representatives Chief James Luongo, Commanding Officer of the Special Investigations Division, and Sergeant Michael Murphy, Commanding Officer of the Animal Cruelty Investigation Squad.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

Budget

Joe Belan from BTQ Financial, reported on ACC's year-end FY15 and FY16 proposed budget. A motion to approve the budget was made and the FY 2016 budget was approved.

DOHMH Report

Dan Kass, Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Health, NYCDOHMH and ACC Board Member updated the Board on the City's commitment to ACC. The budget for 2016 will include additional funding for staff to work in collaboration with NYC and DOHMH on capital improvements to facility and he affirmed the City's commitment to exploring locations in the Bronx and Queens for additional shelters.

Executive Director's Report

Risa Weinstock, Executive Director thanked the public for attending and for their support and reiterated ACC's commitment to animal welfare. The data for the past five months reflected admissions diversions of over 500 animals and a total of 1,645 for the past year, enabling more owners to keep their pets, rather than surrender. Other similar services include ACC's partnership with the Staten Island District Attorney and VCA in the creation of the Staten Island Animal Neglect Prevention Program.

Risa noted the increase in outcomes in comparison to 2014 and thanked the New Hope partners for rescuing many animals that are not available to the public because of illness or behavior. With respect to euthanasia, ACC uses the Asilomar Accords which calculates live release rates nationwide, to benchmark against other shelters that provide similar data. ACC's live release rate has increased compared to last year.

Risa acknowledged the challenge of respiratory illness in the shelters. This is primarily due to the large number of dogs and cats that enter the shelter on a daily basis. ACC is dedicating time and resources to focus on how to alleviate this problem.

A total of 1,216 kittens have been placed year to date. This is as a result of ACC's collaboration with the ASPCA, and several New Hope partners, and growth in ACC's foster program.

'Animal Care Centers of New York City ' will now be used as ACC's d/b/a/. The goal is to highlight the multilayered caring organization that is ACC, and promote the many ACC services provided to the community, rather than single out the 'control' function.

An awareness campaign featuring “*Easy as ACC*” was created to raise awareness about ACC, beginning with a focus on adoptions. Risa thanked Sophie Gamand, an award winning photographer for donating her time and talents toward this campaign.

Some of the development highlights from January through May 2015 include: formation of a Fundraising Committee comprised of donors and supporters in January; addition of 400 hundred new donors through the March acquisition mailing; 8th Annual Spring Fling and the upcoming Pit Bowl 3 on August 11th.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from 11:16 am.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:23pm.