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AC&C Board Meeting
January 31, 2013 – 10:00 AM
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board members and officers present:

Dr. Thomas Farley, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Patrick Nolan, Director
Mike Dockett, Director
Edward Delattore, Director
Yonaton Aronoff, Director
Elaine Keane, Director
Risa Weinstock, Interim Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:20 AM.

Commissioner Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved.

Board Elections

Commissioner Farley announced the results of the elections of Board Officers. Patrick Nolan was elected as Chair, Dr. Kuhlman was reelected as Secretary and Elaine Keane was elected as treasurer.

DOHMH Update

Dan Kass, Deputy Commissioner, Div. of Environmental Health reported that AC&C's budget for FY'13 was \$10.9 million an increase of \$3.7 million over FY'11. It is the single greatest increase over 5 years. The FY'15 budget will be \$12,720,442. This is an increase of the budget by 77% by 2015 and adding more than 100 staff.

Overall there was a decrease in cat and dog intakes. AC&C is the only shelter obligated by law to take in and care for every animal that shows up at the door regardless of condition.

There was a decline in the euthanasia of cats and dogs: 28.4% cats, 18.7% dogs. This is among largest decline of any large municipality in the country.

Animals euthanized were reduced by two thirds and live placements more than doubled since 2003. The euthanasia rate is among the lowest in the country. This is attributed to New Hope placements, direct adoptions and return to owners.

Executive Director Report – Risa Weinstock, Interim Executive Director

The Bronx and Queens Pet Receiving Centers were increased to five days a week. Field Operations and the Call Center are now operating seven days a week.

The adoptions department will be expanding to provide better customer service, focus on quality adoptions, reduce wait time, and follow up with adopters.

AC&C is aggressively hiring to fill vacant positions. The goal is to fill 70 openings over the next six (6) months. We are recruiting for Vets, Vet techs, Field Officers and Animal Care Officers.

Response to Hurricane Sandy – Staten Island Care Center was evacuated as a precaution. Staff slept overnight in the Care Centers to provide around the clock care to the animals. Field Operations reunited pets with their owners and rescued stray animals. Animals rescued from Zone A were carefully analyzed and handled.

There was a decline in field rescues and Care Center intakes during the week of Hurricane Sandy. New Hope placed over 300 animals with our partners. The ASPCA set up an emergency shelter and cared for over 50 AC&C animals.

Currently the New Hope program has 225 active partners. 17 new partners were added this past year.

Animals on the At Risk list were made available to the public on AC&C's website in June 2012. 100 animals were adopted this year.

There are currently 47 foster parents in the Foster Program. 17 new foster parents were added this fiscal year.

The behavior program was also expanded.

Audit Report – Gina Manente, Rosenberg & Manente

Gina Manente of Rosenberg and Manente presented the audit report. She noted that AC&C was in compliance with the generally accepted accounting principles. The audit report was approved by the Board.

Public Comments

The meeting was open to public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24am.