

SEGUIN ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 18, 2013

The Seguin Animal Services Advisory Committee met in regular session on July 18, 2013 at 12 p.m., in the Police Department training room.

1. Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. Roll call. (Bold indicates an appointed member)

Present:

Campaigne, Bill
Dodgen, Donna
Lewis, Leah
Richard, Deliamar
Watson, Maureen
Williams, Bonney

Absent:

Fennel, Cathy

3. Hearing of residents.

Mr. Campaigne discussed accountability concerns with the animals that are taken to the Guadalupe County Humane Society. He also mentioned concerns pertaining to the flood of 1998 and the importance of making sure all animals are reported to the property authorities or businesses to ensure the success of them being reunited with their owners. In addition, Mr. Campaigne mentioned the importance of having an emergency plan in place in the event of a future natural disaster.

4. Review minutes from March 28, 2013.

Motion to approve the minutes regarding the March 28, 2013 Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mr. Campaigne motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Dodgen seconded the motion.

5. Announcement on the new board member.

Welcome Mrs. Bonney Williams!

6. Announcement on the new kennel attendant.

Welcome Mrs. Deliamar Richard!

7. Announcement on the new Animal Services Facebook page.

In April 2013, Animal Services created a Facebook page that helps in the success of adoptions, return to owners, and transfers to rescue. In addition, Mrs. Dodgen suggested looking into Twitter and Instagram as methods to communicate with the public.

8. Discussion on the adoption trial period results.

Below are the results of the 6-month adoption trial period from January 1 to June 30, 2013. The 2012 statistics are also included for comparison.

MONTH	2012 ADOPTIONS	2013 ADOPTIONS
January	9	13
February	17	17
March	12	13
April	6	6
May	4	11
June	10	10
TOTAL	58	70

In 2012, all 58 adopted animals left the facility **unsterilized**. However, 38 of 70 adopted animals left the facility **sterilized** in 2013.

Nine of 58 adopted animals were returned to the shelter in 2012, while only 2 of 70 were returned in 2013.

Animal Services transferred 60 animals to rescue in 2012 and 50 animals in 2013.

Mr. Campaigne motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Williams seconded the motion.

9. Discussion on the addition of outside dog runs.

The outside dog runs on the south side of the shelter are complete. The City has purchased four dog houses to compliment the runs.

10. Discussion on the Home Depot project.

The City of Seguin is pleased to announce that Home Depot recently gave the Seguin Animal Shelter cattery a makeover. In July, the Seguin Home Depot will completely remodel the cattery. They will replace the dark porous walls with bright wipe-able wall surfaces that are moisture, rot, mildew, stain, and scratch resistant. In addition, Home Depot will add the finishing touches by applying a waterproof, mildew and stain resistant, floor sealant.

To complement our newly remodeled cattery, the City purchased a cat cottage. The cottage, which is expected to arrive in mid-September, will provide safe and cozy housing for our furry friends.

11. Discussion on the shelter needs assessment.

Deputy Chief Goolsby completed a shelter needs assessment that has been presented to upper management. This committee will be notified of future plans and asked to contribute suggestions for what the future facility should entail.

12. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.