

**ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
COUNTY OF MAUI**

FEBRUARY 25, 2019
9:00 A.M.

Dept. of Parks & Recreation Conference Room
700 Halia Nakoia St.
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chair Balcomb. The following members and staff were present:

Members Present: Dr. Christie Balcomb, Chair
Aimee Anderson, Vice Chair (excused at 9:25 a.m.)
Patrick Borge
Dr. Paul McCurdy
Ron Larsen

Staff Present: Jerrie Sheppard, Deputy Corporation Counsel (DCC)
Kimberly Ferguson, DHHC support staff

Others Present: Jerleen Bryant, CEO, Maui Humane Society (MHS)
Mark Wilson, MHS
Ray Leese, local resident

I. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mr. Ray Leese was present to offer testimony on MHS's Wings of Aloha Program and opted to defer his testimony until after the MHS presentation.

After hearing the presentation, Mr. Leese testified regarding his experience with a dog named Leah, who was placed with a foster family when he and his son met her on a walk. He was told that Leah was not available for adoption as she was a "wings" dog who would to be sent to Seattle. Mr. Leese stated he was also told by MHS the dog was a "bonus dog" and asked if there could be clarification on the process.

Ms. Bryant responded and explained the inner workings of the program, the process involved with the transfer of animals under the "Wings of Aloha" program, and the importance of maintaining the agreements between MHS and the receiving transfer partners, and the respective roles and interactions which

result in saving the lives of many animals who would otherwise end up being euthanized. Mr. Leese indicated that he now has a better understanding of the program and was satisfied with the information provided.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Balcomb entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting. Motion moved by Member McCurdy, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson. All members present voted in favor approving the minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

III. RYAN KAE0 DELAPINIA APPEAL HEARING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2018

A. Approval of Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing Record

Chair Balcomb entertained a motion to accept the dangerous dog appeal hearing record of the Delapinia appeal. Motion moved by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Member Larsen. All members voted in favor accepting the dangerous dog appeal hearing record of the Delapinia appeal hearing on December 3, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. TONY LOPEZ DISPOSITION HEARING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2018

A. Approval of Disposition Hearing Record

Chair Balcomb entertained a motion to accept the disposition hearing record of the Lopez hearing. Motion moved by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Member Larsen. All members voted in favor accepting the disposition hearing record of the Lopez hearing on December 3, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of letter to Maui Humane Society

Chair Balcomb entertained a motion to approve a letter to the Maui Humane Society documenting the outcome of the Lopez hearing. Motion moved by Member McCurdy, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson. All members voted in favor approving the letter to the Maui Humane Society. Motion carried unanimously. Letter was signed by Chair Balcomb and a copy was given to MHS at the meeting.

V. PRESENTATION ON SERVICES OFFERED BY THE MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY

Ms. Jerleen Bryant, CEO of Maui Humane Society, delivered an informative presentation focused on the services offered and programs provided by the Maui Humane Society including Humane Enforcement, Animal Care, Veterinary Care, Life Saving, Education & Outreach and other miscellaneous services. Detailed information presented in the presentation by MHS is attached hereto.

After receiving a request from Members McCurdy and Borge, and in response to the public testifier's information, Ms. Bryant explained MHS's Wings of Aloha Program. Further discussion between board members and Ms. Bryant ensued.

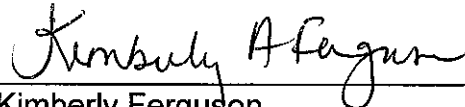
VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

There were currently no pending cases to be heard by the board. Next meeting date was set for Monday, April 22, 2019.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Balcomb entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion moved by Member McCurdy, seconded by Member Borge. All members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by Chair Balcomb at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Kimberly Ferguson
Secretary to the Animal Control Board

Attachment



MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Humane Enforcement

- **Officers available 24/7** to respond to calls from our community. The enforcement department received over 3,700 calls from the public in FY18. Their calls and the officer's diligence generated over 15,350 reports which included follow-ups, impounds, rescues and proactive preventative patrols. The officers investigated over 330 leash law complaints, and brought in 1,267 stray animals to the shelter.

Animal Care

- **Sheltering** - We receive any animal in need, including those surrendered by families who cannot care for any longer and strays who don't have a known owner. In FY18 we took in 6259 animals in need of sheltering services - 50% were cats, 30% dogs, and 20% all other animals. We are able to ensure that these animals have basic needs met for food, water and shelter.
- **Enrichment** - Emphasis is placed on making sure that animals have all of their needs met including social and behavioral. Dog playgroups and Beach Buddy outings provide dogs breaks from the kennel and necessary social interaction. Most cats live in communal rooms where they are free to express normal behaviors. Volunteers and staff work with all animals to provide socialization and in some cases behavioral modification.
- **Foster Care** - An extensive network of volunteer foster families provides care for shelter pets in their home until animals are ready for adoption. In FY18, 1781 animals benefited from this program.

Veterinary Care

- **Hope Fund** - In addition to routine care provided to shelter animals, the 100% donor funded Hope Fund provides care for animals who have special needs. This can include removing cancerous masses and submitting them for biopsy, sending injured animals to a private vet for x-rays, and performing additional surgical procedures as needed. In FY18, 282 animals received extensive medical care thanks to the Hope Fund
- **Microchipping** - We offer low cost microchipping to the public to help animals get back home if they go missing. This is a drop-in service with no appointment needed. We also offer further discounts on microchipping periodically each year.
- **Community Spay/Neuter Program** - Provided 3911 low cost or free surgeries for public dogs and cats in FY18. Any animal who is spayed/neutered at our clinic also receives a microchip included in the surgery package.

Life Saving

- **Lost/Found Services & Reclaims** - With over 70% of incoming animals arriving as strays, reuniting families with lost pets is a priority. MHS maintains a database of lost

and found reports that are used to get pets home as quickly as possible. In FY18, 997 animals were reunited with their families. 60% of stray dogs were reclaimed and 10% of stray cats were reclaimed.

- **Adoptions** - Pets who are surrendered to our care or strays who remain unclaimed are in need of new homes. 2118 animals were adopted out in FY18. All cats, dogs and rabbits are spayed/neutered and microchipped before adoption. Cat and dog adoption packages include flea/tick preventative, vaccines, dewormer, free vet exam at a participating veterinarian, starter bag of food, and dog license or cat carrier.
- **Transfers** - Due to an overpopulation of pets on Maui, we do not have enough homes to adopt all of the animals who come to our shelter. Most animals transferred out are part of our Wings of Aloha program, matching pets with transfer partners on the mainland who guarantee adoption. In FY18, 826 animals were saved through transfers.
- **360 Committee** - Developed to meet the needs of each individual animal by identifying and responding to behavioral, medical or other barriers that prevent an animal from being an adoption candidate. Representatives from every department meet biweekly to facilitate interdepartmental communication and access to resources needed to move the animal forward to a positive outcome.

Education & Outreach

- **Animal Camp** - This humane education program encourages campers to consider the many different ways we share the world with other living things, with the goal of inspiring respect and appreciation for all life, and encouraging conscientious decision making.
- **Shelter Tours & Presentations** - Shelter tours offer a hands-on approach to humane education and allow students to experience the animal shelter world firsthand. For years Maui Humane Society has been partnering with schools, enrichment programs and community groups to provide Maui's people with the information and resources they need to advocate kindness, compassion and respect for all forms of life.

Other

- **Dog Licensing** - Maintains database for all of Maui County's dog licenses including licenses sold at MHS, by officers in the field, and at DMV offices. Licenses are valid for two calendar years and MHS produces and mails license renewal reminder letters for the 3500-4000 dogs who are licensed each year.
- **End of Life Services** - MHS operates the only pet crematorium on Maui and contracts with vet clinics to provide cremation services.
- **Direct Release** - Approved by the State of Hawaii Animal Quarantine Division to provide direct release services for pets arriving in Hawaii to avoid quarantine.