



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**A MEETING OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**  
**12:00 Noon**  
**Humane Society Central Texas**  
**Adoption Center Conference Room**  
**2032 Circle Road, Waco, Texas**

1. Consider and Approve the December 14, 2016 Animal Welfare Advisory Board Summary Notes
2. Report and Discussion from Animal Care Services and Waco Animal Shelter
  - A. Waco Animal Care Report
  - B. Waco Animal Services Report
  - C. Veterinary Report
  - D. City of Waco Animals Ordinance Update
  - E. SpayStreet Waco
3. Report and Discussion from the Humane Society of Central Texas
4. Report and Discussion from the Waco Animal Alliance animal welfare organizations on operations, spay/neuter statistics, and outreach efforts
5. Report and Discussion from veterinarian community on animal welfare issues
6. Report and Discussion between the Board and City Council liaison regarding Board activities and appointments
7. Request for future agenda items and set next meeting date and time.

  
Randall R. Childers, CBO, Building Official

It is the opinion of the City Attorney's Office that this agenda complies with the requirements of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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Jennifer Richie, City Attorney

I hereby certify that this notice was being posted at Waco City Hall on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2017 at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm.

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Esmeralda Hudson, City Secretary

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## ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY BOARD

Summary Notes

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

12:10 PM – 12:47 PM

City of Waco Operations Center, Large Conference Room  
1415 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Waco, Texas 76707

**Committee Members Present:** Deaver, Kyle  
Dietz, Bill  
Harmdierks, Ramona  
Hurst, Terry  
Kuehl, Carrie  
Nemec, Michelle  
Stem, Wiley

**Committee Members Absent:** Bland, Don  
Pearson, Katy  
Perry, Ben

Michelle Nemec, chair, convened the meeting at 12:10 PM

1. **Consider and approve the October 10, 2016 Animal Welfare Advisory Board Summary Notes**  
Approved once Carrie Kuehl's last name is spelled correctly in Section 3 (twice).

2. **Report and Discussion from the Humane Society of Central Texas**

Don Bland, Humane Society of Central Texas, was not present, Board agreed to skip his part of this item. Michelle Nemec requested clarification on the Fiscal Year 2017 Report of Monthly Shelter Intake report. The intake numbers have been missing for a while and her and Carrie Kuehl's would like the categories on this report to be clear and more cohesive. They requested definition of the categories and suggested to have Dog vs. Cat, Juvenile vs. Adult. The outcome reporting has been successful and they would like the intake data to be detailed as well. Animal Services will pull the numbers and get the categories updated as the board suggested.

3. **Report and Discussion from Animal Care Services and Waco Animal Shelter**

- A. **Waco Animal Care**

Kelsey Montgomery, Animal Care Officer, reported on the Animal Care Officer's new location. They are now stationed at the Administration Building of the Animal Shelter on 2032 Circle Road. Being located at the Animal Shelter is very helpful to citizens and efficient and timely for the Animal Care Officers and the Shelter employees. Due to the cold weather, citizens have been warned about keeping dog/cats inside or having them in a dog house. Animal Care Officers have been giving out the few dog houses they have had donated. Ms. Montgomery mentioned that officers try to keep blankets on hand to keep all the animals warm. Animal Care Statistics Report was explained by Ms. Montgomery, however the board did not have copy but was given copy later in the meeting.

- B. **Veterinary Report**

Dr. Ron Epps, City of Waco Veterinarian, was not present for this meeting, however Delfi Messenger, the Animal Shelter Director touched on a few key points on his report. A brief discussion regarding surgery tables and the cabinets being installed at the clinic. Dr. Epps has three levels of surgery – to immediately save a life, to facilitate a live outcome (such as limb amputation), and spay/neuter surgery. One of the goals is to get the animals adopted quickly so animals receive a rabies vaccination and are micro chipped before they are placed in the adoption areas. All dogs are being tested for heartworms and that information is placed on the kennel card. There was an outbreak of URI in dogs but it is currently under control, as animals are being

treated and sent home with treatment. Randy Childers spoke regarding possible legislation pertaining to the 72 hour hold for treatment to begin. He advised that more information would be forthcoming from the Veterinarian group.

### **C. Operations and Budget**

Delfi Messenger reported on opening of the new kennel facility, the completion of the surgical suite and the move of the Animal Care Officers to the new Animal Services Administration Building. One issue being addressed is the illegal dumping of animals onsite. The Inspection Department will be assisting with the use of hunting cameras onsite to curtail illegal dumping of animals. Mr. Childers suggested signs be placed around the perimeter to deter illegal dumping of animals. Ms. Messenger discussed the new tranquilizing equipment for use when handling vicious and aggressive animals. Another topic discussed was the noise level, especially in the puppy house. The staff is currently assessing ways to reduce the noise level. Ms. Messenger reported on the four new exercise facilities for the animals along with the new Shor-line cat condos. The shelter has started to use inexpensive equine Pine pellets for litter which is more beneficial to the cat. It was reported that 120 animals were adopted in a 3 day period thanks to the efforts of the City of Waco and the Humane Society. Ms. Messenger reported during this period that there were no euthanasia's for time and space (T/S). In collaboration with the ABC Clinic on December 20, 2016, 60 animals will be neutered as part of take a pet home for the holidays. It was noted that the process of switching to the Munis software for the budget and training is ongoing, along with the possibility of merging the Animal Care and Animal Shelter budgets. The Animal Shelter has been contacted by representatives from Weatherford, Conroe, and Abilene, in which Waco Animal Control ordinances and operations procedures were looked at. The representatives from Weatherford visited and commended the City of Waco's Animal Shelter.

### **D. Waco Animal Shelter Renovation Update**

Construction is 85% complete with the surgery room area being completed. The ultrasound unit has been set up and the digital x-ray machine was installed in October 2016.

### **E. City of Waco Animals Ordinance Update**

No updates in regards to the Animal Ordinance. Randy Childers informed board that the contract between the City of Waco and the HSCT is still being prepared.

### **F. SpayStreet Waco**

Misty was not present but report was included. Joel Sanchez, Animal Care Officer, reported that a total of 2,866 animals were spayed or neutered from October 2015- September 2016. In this same time period 193 animals were taken to the ABC clinic instead of the Animal Shelter.

#### **1. Report and discussion from the Waco Animal Alliance animal welfare organizations on operations, spay/neuter statistics, and outreach efforts**

Michelle Nemecek gave Animal Alliance Partner Summary. (Report on file in the City Secretary's Office.) The CommC.A.T. Report was not available because the volunteer that works on that report was out due to medical reasons. Randy Childers suggested Reports should be easier to read size wise. Michelle Nemecek will work on a better format for reports.

#### **5. Report and discussion from veterinarian community on animal welfare issues**

No report given.

#### **6. Discussion between the Board and City Council liaison regarding Board activities and appointments**

Mayor Kyle Deaver and Randy Childers, discussed possible board appointments for District II and IV to help with the representation on the board for future meetings.

#### **7. Request for future agenda items and set next meeting date and time**

Randy suggested that item number 7 and 8 be combined, and move the meeting later in the month to get reports and statistics done. The board agrees to move the meetings towards the end of the month, every two months, the fourth Wednesday of each month.

8. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at Noon at the HSCT conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM

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Michelle Nemec, Chair  
Animal Welfare Advisory Board

2.A.

City of Waco Animal Care Statistics

FY 2015-2016	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Apr '17	May '17	Jun '17	Jul '17	Aug '17	Sep '17	PKGFB
DOA	5	0	1	3									
Educated	1	0	2	1									
Unable to Locate	128	126	143	142									
Unable to Catch	44	78	58	63									
Unfounded Incident	16	30	20	21									
Unable to Make Contact	42	36	49	52									
Warning	33	35	41	45									
Notice Left	75	59	70	64									
Assist Citizen	298	261	303	298									
Animal Bite Report	17	21	19	18									
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>707</b>									
Dogs	153	150	149	163									
Cats	53	35	33	30									
County Animal	15	1	13	8									
Wildlife	48	22	17	17									
Livestock	2	2	1	0									
TNR Cats	21	16	17	23									
Spay/Street Dogs	0	0	0	1									
<b>Total</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>242</b>									
Return to Citizen Cat	0	0	0	0									
Return to Citizen Dog	13	9	22	21									
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>									
No rabies vacc.	12	29	32	29									
No rabies tags	0	0	0	0									
Running at large	9	12	16	35									
Intact-Not spayed/neutered	11	29	31	27									
Running at large w/bite	0	0	1	0									
Neglect care	8	6	5	2									
Animal left in vehicle	4	3	0	3									
Animal at lg. (livestock)	0	2	0	0									
Livestock Pen Less 200'	0	0	8	1									
Livestock Pen Less 600'	0	0	0	1									
State law tether violation	2	0	0	1									
Abandonment	0	0	0	0									
Fail to quarantine	1	0	1	0									
Animal pen unsanitary	1	0	0	1									
Tethered No Food/Water/Shelter	0	0	0	0									
Barking dog/Noise	0	5	1	0									
Not microchipped	12	29	31	27									
Attempt to sell animal	0	0	0	0									
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>117</b>									

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**2. B.**



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**Animal Services Report  
Delfi Messinger  
January/February, 2017**

There have been a number of updates to the facilities; brightly colored visual barriers behind the "Y" kennels and on three sides of the play pens, trip hazard paint for the general public, a new sink in the cat isolation room, the creation of a break room for staff, and "puppy in the window" kennels. The IT department is continuing to work on setting up Chameleon loaded computers in the Sally port storage, GREETING room, the blue room, the RDY laundry room, and the cat room.

A decrease in cat morbidity has been noted as part of the "hands-off" care based on the cat condo design. We now have 10 additional feline kennels that have been modified with "pass-through" doors; now only quarantine and very sick cats are kept in the isolation room. The side doors are now functional in the Cat room, and kennels are set up in the back rooms, to serve as holding for strays and adoptable cats that can go home with medication. The intent is that all available felines are visible by potential adopters.

With risk management, the departmental safety officer, and staff, we have begun meetings and discussions about animal handling safety (staff, volunteer, guest). For instance, rough play with dogs is to be discouraged, leashes are not to be attached to the handler, and it is a two-person job to obtain blood or place a microchip. The "R" kennels now has a sectioned off area for URI dogs and a location for "staff only" dogs. This will be more efficient, safer, and easier for controlling and treating disease.

The Animal Care Officers have noted a number of dog bites in the area, due to people trying to break up dog fights. There have been several long-term feral dogs that have been trapped; some were mothers with puppies. They have been working on the growing cat colony around the shelter; 5 felines have been captured for TNR. We have installed several communication boards around the facility, including one that the officers use to track shelter and in-home quarantine cases.

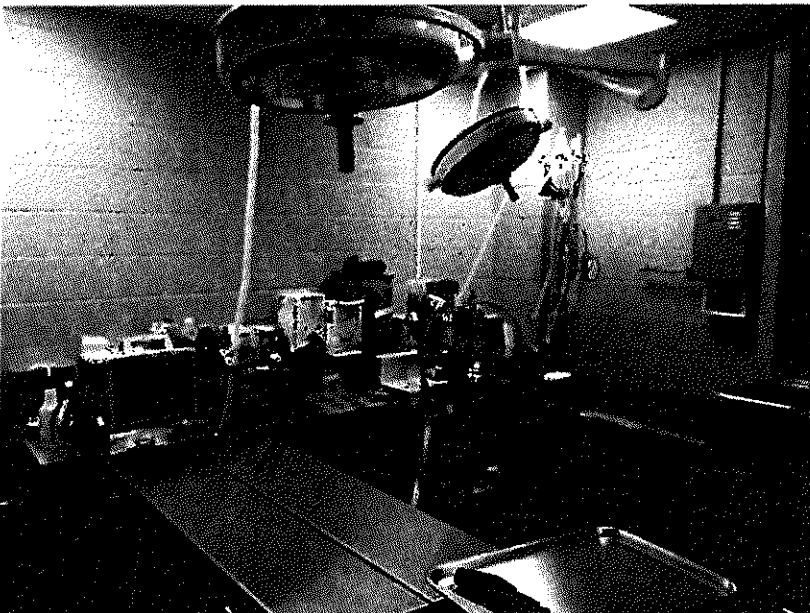
The City of Waco assisted the HSCT in the transport of 55 animals to the ABC clinic, so that more dogs could be taken home as part of a 14 dollar adoption campaign for Valentine's. We met with the HSCT at a "Dogs and Doughnuts" discussion of canine candidates for adoption, rescue, or foster and are also hosting a team-building exercise involving beer goggles, the golf cart, and traffic cones.

The department led a "sensory field trip" for junior high school students from Robinson ISD, gave an interview on animal abuse to a Saint Alban's third grader, and provided contacts to a Lewis & Clark Law School student who is comparing the effectiveness of mandatory spay and neuter laws in ten cities. We have agreed to participate in the third annual all-breed rescue event at Gander Mountain, met with stakeholders concerning a SpayStreet microchip event and sponsored one side of a Waco water bill insert (39,000 copies) on LostPetsWaco. The other "Leave the Litter." side was sponsored by ABC clinic.

2.C.

**Veterinarian's Report  
Animal Welfare Advisory Board  
February 22, 2017**

The Wiley Stem Animal Care Clinic is complete. Upper stainless steel cabinets, shelves and water flow tables, with removable stainless steel tops that serve as examination and wet tables, were installed in January.



We are spaying and neutering owner-reclaimed animals as well as animals up for adoption. Owners are charged for these surgical procedures when reclaiming their pet. All animals that have had surgery are sent home with written instructions on care of the animal after surgery and



we have set up an after-hours emergency number through Google Voice for owners that have a concern following surgery. Along with spaying and neutering, we are also doing salvage surgery such as leg amputations, large growth removal and eye removal.

Our biggest medical problem currently is upper respiratory disease. Because upper respiratory disease can involve at least 13 different viruses and/or bacteria, it is now referred to as Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex (CIRD). Precipitating causes of CIRD are stress, crowding, increased humidity, excessive barking, and lack of effective air turnover. Incubation period for CIRD is usually less than 7 days. Animals that cough or have a nasal discharge are separated from the healthy animals as soon as illness is noted and placed in the R kennel. Animals can shed the virus or bacteria before actually showing clinical signs and may continue to shed up to 10 days after recovery. Waco Facilities department is evaluating the air circulation to see if modifications can be made to improve airflow and reduce disease

2. D.

There are no City of Waco Animal Ordinance Updates



**SpayStreet Waco Update**  
**February 22, 2017**

**2. E.**

SpayStreet Waco is a volunteer effort with members of the community in partnership with Animal Control and the Animal Shelter to spread the word about the Spay/Neuter and Microchip law that went into effect January 1, 2014.

Numerous outreach efforts are held throughout the year in Waco to inform citizens on the free and low costs options available to them in keeping their pets in compliance with the law.

October 2016-January 2017	
Surgeries performed	1,071 Cat Spays-345 Cat Neuters-320 Dog Spays-206 Dog Neuters-200 WACO ACO transported 79 animals to ABC Clinic
Microchips	734
752-Spay calls	889
October 2015-September 2016	
Surgeries performed	2,866 Cat Spays-843 Cat Neuters-715 Dog Spays-662 Dog Neuters-646 WACO ACO transported 193 animals to ABC Clinic
Microchips	2,065
752-Spay calls	3,237
Possible animals on streets in Waco or at the shelter without funding	2,866 X 5 (Avg. litter)= 14,330 animals 14,330 X \$116 (\$116 per shelter stay)= \$1,662,280.00

## Waco Animal Alliance Partner Summary

	2015/16	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016/17
	Dec/Jan	Feb/Mar	April/May	June/July	Aug/Sept	Oct/Nov	Dec/Jan
<b>Total Animals Saved from Waco Animal Control Facility</b>							
Animal Birth Control Clinic (Community Cats diverted by ACO in lieu of impounding)	22	47	33	31	66	73	41
Community Cat Action Team of Waco (ear-tipped cats returned to field)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fuzzy Friends Rescue	25	20	38	33	37	48	32
McLennan Animal Rescue Coalition	24	14	37	10	41	22	2
<b>Total Intake Directly from McLennan County Citizens</b>							
ABC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CommC.A.T (directly assisted with TNR )	22	42	NR	NR	41		18
FFR	73	18	19	31	62	26	15
MARC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Adoptions</b>							
ABC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CommC.A.T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FFR	99	104	78	98	117	98	108
MARC	35	21	12	25	19	9	21
<b>Microchips Administered to the Public</b>							
ABC	596	776	820	711	749	833	850
CommC.A.T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FFR	3	43	23	3	5	3	3
MARC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Community Outreach (City ordinances, microchipping, community cats)</b>							
Focus on TNR (what is it, how to) right now to decrease flood of kittens in upcoming months; ABC ear-tipped 350 cats for Dec/Jan.							
Leave My Litter planning for Alliance Partners - working on new infographics regarding kittens for social media and public distribution; also to get on organization websites.							
Goal: All partners (along with ACS) sending the same message to the public.							
Upcoming - FFR has a community, discounted microchip clinic planned with Woodway Public Safety for April 23rd.							
<b>Other</b>							



BASIC DATA MATRIX

Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count (date: 1/01/2017)	180	26	20	70	295
<b>Intake</b>						
B	Stray/At Large	195	65	36	10	306
C	Relinquished by Owner	56	23	15	13	107
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	0	0	0
F	Other Intakes	13	1	5	0	19
G	<b>TOTAL INTAKE</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>Outcomes</b>						
H	Adoption	121	36	33	36	226
I	Returned to Owner	58	8	1	0	67
J	Transferred to another Agency	41	27	1	0	69
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	0	23	23
L	<b>TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>385</b>
M	Died in Care	3	1	0	1	5
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	1	0	1	2	4
O	Shelter Euthanasia	18	0	9	0	27
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
R	<b>TOTAL OUTCOMES</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>421</b>
Q	Ending Shelter Count (date: 1/31/2017)	205	39	40	22	306

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

A plus G	727
R plus Q	727

SAVE RATE: beginning shelter count+intake/total live outcome+end shelter count	727	691	95.05%	4.95%
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## Spay/Neuter Microchip Stats through January 2017

Dog Spay	245	<b>Annual (Calendar Year) Surgeries</b>
Dog Neuter	214	
Cat Spay	327	
Cat Neuter	282	
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,068</u>	
Microchips	440	Surgeries 2016: 12,506
		Surgeries 2015: 13,293
		Surgeries 2014: 14,013
		Surgeries 2013: 11,323
		Surgeries 2012: 9,058

### Clinic Targeted Surgery Sponsorships (one-time household assistance):

Large dogs (over 40lbs & puppies expected to be) 76705; cats/dogs - City of Waco, Marlin, unincorporated McLennan County

The average partially-sponsored surgical cost for most clients is \$56.47; the actual cost to perform surgery is over \$112.84. Support to keep this surgery affordable for most families comes from individual donations. Partial fees from affordable basic services, flea control and heartworm prevention also help. Our staff Veterinarians are Texas licensed and staff are well-trained paid (not volunteer). The clinic is proud of our techniques and protocols which minimize complications. The rate of patient death is currently less than .001% (6 of 12,506 in 2016).

### Annual Impact of Spay/Neuter/Microchip/TNR

- 1) More manageable intake volume of cats and dogs for rescues and shelters
- 2) Nuisance call reduction for animal care & control and fewer strays for Good Samaritans and safer neighborhoods
- 3) Lowered municipal budget burden of animal-related costs

Estimating 5 animals per litter or surgery, 62,530 cats and dogs unwanted by our community are prevented. Spay/neutered cats and dogs are unlikely to be surrendered to a rescue or shelter because they are better behaved, healthier, and better bonded with their families. 2016 **savings** to the community (at \$75 per animal) = \$4,689,750.

Surgeries 1992-2016 141,703

*It is our vision of a community where every pet is cared for and wanted. We work to achieve this through spay/neuter and preventive health care (especially for those that need it most),*

## Waco & McLennan County Impact

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Spay/Neuter	7,890	8,663	10,908	13,367	13,321	13,507	12,290
Shelter Intake	10,404	10,320	10,328	7,740	6,754	5,993	5,509
Live Shelter Exits	2,699	2,771	3,773	4,733	4,618	4,912	4,389
Euthanized	6,612	5,547	6,013	2,478	1,812	939	625

