

**Minutes
Iowa County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2011**

Members Present: President Mike Wagner, Treasurer Todd Novak, Secretary: Mary Whitmar, Carrie Baumhover

Others Present: Shelter Director Teresa Duerst, Outreach Director Cheri Philmore

Board meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by President Mike Wagner at 6:45p.m.

Minutes

Secretary Mary Whitmar noted that the minutes from the February meeting had been amended. Under the Public Comment Section the verbiage was changed in the following sentence to read: Teresa will discuss the animal's treatment plans with our shelter veterinarian and then discuss the treatment plan with Terri and Mona, referring to their offer to help with paying for some testing for two dogs.

Motion was made by Todd to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Carrie, motion carried.

Outreach Directors Report

Please see the attached report.

Cheri reports a total of 10 Humane Calls in February, four of which were rechecks and six of which were new cases.

Entries for the Quadrapedal and Paws for a Cause are up from last month.

Cheri reports that 13 dogs were licensed in February up from just 5 in January.

Cheri reports that the number of dogs vaccinated and licensed in the county continues to increase along with the revenue it generates for ICBS. We continue to have new municipalities participating in the Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing clinics, most recently Highland which had a very successful clinic for its first year with 10 pets vaccinated and 1 new license.

With the increase in licensing comes the increase in the municipalities being able to track dogs and hold their owners accountable thus reducing damage claims and the number of strays coming in.

Cheri reports that Farmers Savings Bank held a donation drive for us again this year and raised over \$800 for ICBS. We thank them for their continued support.

The Artists to the Rescue art auction event held last Saturday was very successful raising approximately \$4800. Thank to all the wonderful area artists who support this event and to Dawn Judd for coordinating this event.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Paws for a Cause – April 2nd ICBS Shelter**
- ◆ **Spring Bake Sale – April 23rd at Springgate Mall in Dodgeville**
- ◆ **Quadrapedal – May 1st Dodgeville**
- ◆ **Spring Plant Sale tentatively scheduled for May 21st and 28th at ICBS Shelter
about this new venue! Be sure to tell your friends!**

Upcoming outreach/educational events:

- ◆ **ICBS information booth at the 1st Peace & Justice Festival Platteville - April 9th**
- ◆ **Pet Therapy Visit at Sienna Crest – Mineral Point -April 11**
- ◆ **Petfinder Adoption Options Seminar in Freeport II - April 15th ongoing education Cheri**
- ◆ **Iowa Grant Fourth Graders are touring the shelter – April 19th**

Operations Director Report

Report is attached.

We currently have 82 cats in the shelter and 7 in foster care. We have 38 dogs in shelter and 15 in foster care. We also currently have 1 domestic rabbit.

Pet Smart adoptions: 2 kittens in March. All of the puppies have been adopted and two Siamese mix cats were transferred to Specialty Purebred Cat Rescue.

Teresa is very happy to report that Waldo who had been at the shelter for six years has been officially adopted and is doing very well in his forever home. Also Arabella, a cat who had been at the shelter for almost three years has been adopted.

There is new protocol for processing volunteer applications. New volunteers are invited to attend a volunteer orientation session, generally held twice a month. Once they have completed orientation they may sign up for training in their field of interest. This addresses the issue of delayed responses to volunteers. There have been two orientation sessions so far with 11 new volunteers.

Financial Report

Reports are attached.

Todd reports that gross profit so far this year is at \$203, 228.29 compared to \$350000 for the entire year in 2010. Our total expenses are \$354, 393.67. Approximately \$60,000 of expenses remain to be paid for the renovations at the new location. Contractors have been wonderful to work with and are being paid in monthly installments.

The Christmas donor has been generous enough to give the full amount having made the first installment of \$20,000.

Letters to help raise the remaining renovation expenses have been mailed out and we are seeing some return on them. ICHS has a \$60,000 loan with Farmers Savings Bank secured with a \$30,000 CD which can be renewed every three months.

Motion made by Mary to approve the financial report and seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public

The board would like to recognize and thank the public that attended the meeting.

The board began by addressing the public comments from the February board meeting as follows:

Updates on the items discussed during last month's Public Comments.

Flea problems:

- Capstar was suggested but is more expensive and does not kill eggs.
We have decided to remain with our current treatment (Frontline or Advantage).
In rooms, we treat the environment with animal safe products and are implementing new cleaning procedures.

Feed dogs earlier

- At this time, we do not have staff to feed dogs before they are walked.
- Our evening kennel assistants arrive shortly before 4pm to start walking. Most of the evening staff go to school and are not able to come earlier.
We need to start walking dogs at 4pm so that we are done walking by 5:30pm (as required by conditional use permit)

Walk 3rd time per day

- Again, our limitations are restrictions from city and that we need volunteers.
Is someone willing to lead this effort and work on recruiting volunteers for this?

Follow up on volunteer offers

- Have started regularly scheduled volunteer orientation sessions with 10 new volunteers attending in March. There are two orientation sessions scheduled for April

Updates for ICHS website

- Is updated daily with adoptable pets
Only pets available for adoption will be shown, though, which might be causing some

of the confusion.

- PetFinder is updated on a weekly basis. PetFinder revamped their website a couple months ago. There are still delays and glitches with uploading new adoptable animals.

Longer shelter hours in summer

- Teresa is researching staffing, days, and hours.
We will keep everyone updated.

Offers from Alisha

- Alisha is fostering a shelter dog at the store. It has been going very well.
Grooming, training offers are being worked on.

Offers from Terri, Mona for dogs with health issues

- Teresa followed up with Terri and Mona.
Discussed most urgent animal health issues and confirmed what Terri would like to help with.

The floor was opened and comments were heard from several of those in attendance. Comments were heard from Sean Timmons of Spring Valley Kennels, Blue Mounds, Terri Davis, Wyoming Township, Samantha Atkinson, Wyoming Township, Chuck Davis, Wyoming Township, Marsha Thompson, Dodgeville, Sharon Shea, Town of Eden, Fran Fritsch, Ridgeway, Bonnie Zimmerman, Barneveld and Alisha Gerber, Best of Friends Dodgeville, Dr. Debra Smith Reed, Dodge Point Mobile Pet Vet and ICHS Vet and Dave Ladd, Dodgeville.

The majority of discussion was relative to issues with the dogs. Concerns were expressed about their health and well being with the current limits on their outdoor time and activity. Kennel stress and temperament issues were among those discussed. Dr. Deb recommends that each animal get a minimum of 15 minutes per walk or exercise time with a desired time of one hour a day.

Alisha Gerber is currently fostering Cider at her facility and reported that it is going really well. Training is ongoing and customers are interested in Cider giving Alisha an opportunity to discuss her availability and refer them to ICHS. Alisha is working with her trainer to see about scheduling training for ICHS staff and volunteers however it is their busy time of year.

Sharon Shea offered to meet with Pam Richardson and to coordinate and hold training sessions on dog handling for ICHS staff and volunteers.

Dave Ladd asked if we had any information out at funeral homes for benevolence funds. Todd reports that we are on the list of options that people can choose to have memorials made to at Gorgen Funeral home and also possibly at Houck Funeral Home.

An updated Mission Statement for ICHS has been proposed. It will be posted on the website along with these minutes for public review. A vote will be held by the board at next months meeting as to whether to approve the change. Comments from the public are welcome. You can weigh in by contacting board members via email or phoning ICHS.

Motion was made to go into closed session by Todd and seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mary to come out of closed session and seconded by Todd. Motion Carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carrie, Seconded by Mary. Motion carried.
The next regular meeting of the board will be on Monday, April 25th at 6:30 at the Iowa County Humane Society meeting room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar
ICHS Board Secretary