

ANIMAL SHELTER MEETING

MINUTES

April 24, 2024 2:00 PM

PRESENT

Tim Fitzgerald, County Administrator

Mike Hamp, Waynesboro City Manager

John Blair, Staunton City Attorney

Jessie Moyers, Staunton Finance Director

Shane Ayers, Master Police Officer, Staunton

Candy Hensley, Assistant County Administrator

Jon Hilbert, Shelter Director

1. Minutes were presented and approved for the February 27, 2024 meeting.
Motion: Hamp Second: Blair Approved
2. Mr. Hilbert gave an update on the population report, which is attached.
3. Mr. Hilbert gave the Director's Report, which is attached.
4. A member of the public asked the status of the new animal shelter. Ms. Hensley indicated negotiations are still occurring with the low bidder. That should be final in the next few weeks. We are hopeful the contract will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May.
5. A motion was made to enter into closed session.
Motion: Blair Second: Hamp Approved

Closed Session: Exemption under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (29)

"Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body."

A motion was made to leave closed session and all certified.
Motion: Hamp Second Blair Approved
6. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting – May 28, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Shenandoah Valley Animal Services Center
April Population Report
4/23/24

CAPACITY
46 Dog Runs
104 Cat Cages

Current Animals On Hand

Dogs: 48	Cats: 36	Other: 0
Foster: 26	Foster: 44	Foster: 1
Court Cases: 1	Court Cases: 4	Court Cases: 0

Year To Date Total Intakes

Dogs: 218	Cats: 131	Other: 12	Total: 361
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Year To Date Euthanasia

		PERCENTAGE (live release)	
Dogs:	19	91.28%	
Cats:	5	96.18%	93.4%
Other: pig	1	91.67%	
Total:	25		

Year To Date Adoptions

Dogs: 95	Cats: 99	Other: 13	Total: 207
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Year To Date Transfers

Dogs: 14	Cats: 90	Other: 0	Total: 104
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Year To Date Return To Owner

Dogs: 87	Cats: 19	Other: 1	Total: 107
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Total Intake By Jurisdiction

YEAR TO DATE

JURISDICTION	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Augusta County	186	51.52%
City of Staunton	103	28.53%
City of Waynesboro	72	19.95%

Total Save Rate: Year To Date: 93.04%

Director's Report: 4/23/24

Hill's Science Diet. Hill's Food, Shelter, and Love program

I am proud to announce that we have entered a partnership with Hill's Science Diet.

The Food, Shelter, and Love program provides high quality animal food for our shelter animals at a significant discount to us. We've entered a one-year agreement with Hill's for shelter food and adoption kits. All newly adopted animals leave the shelter with free samples of Hill's Science Diet food, coupons, and pet care literature provided by Hill's and at no additional cost to the shelter. By providing Science Diet to shelter animals we hope to see decreased sickness, decreased gastrointestinal issues, and when animals leave they are on a path to better health.

PetcoLove Grant

We received \$15,000 last week from PetcoLove. The non-profit has been a generous supporter of the shelter for the past seven years. We are grateful for the support and will use the funds for spay/neuter surgeries and unusual medical issues that we typically cannot fund.

An annual report, along with other metrics such as operational budget, initial request, and year-long engagement is assessed to determine funding eligibility.

We have applied for several other grants this year, including Subaru, Bissel, and the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies and waiting for responses.

Adoptions / Intake

Adoptions have been steady in 2024 but so has intake.

Since our last meeting, 97 animals have been adopted (49 cats and 48 dogs), which averages 1.7 animals being adopted per day. Staff stay busy with adoption counseling and processing applications.

Cat intake has decreased compared to last year, but dog intake has increased by 15%. This situation isn't unique to SVASC; statewide, other agencies are struggling with increased intake at the moment and lack of adopters and fosters.