

# **ANIMAL SERVICES BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

Virginia Beach Animal Care and Adoption Center: Room 1021

Wed., Dec. 4, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

## **Members in Attendance:**

- Captain Marcie Fox, VBPD Animal Services Bureau
- Stephsi Seger, Board Member
- Courtney Miani, SPCA
- Andrea Scahill, VBHD
- Lisa McDonnell, Board Member
- Jessica Wilde, VBPD Animal Care and Adoption Center
- Theresa Canape, VBPD Animal Enforcement Unit
- Jennifer Reich, VBPD Animal Services Bureau

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

## **Introduction: Captain Marcie Fox**

- Welcomed all in attendance.
- Captain Fox discussed the possibility of being involved in public messaging for the Virginia Beach Health Department and potentially partnering with them for our Rabies Clinics and Rabies Awareness Week.
- To increase community awareness and outreach, we have added resource links to our website and are also updating all materials to ensure ADA compliance.
- We need volunteers for our Foster and Volunteer programs. These programs provide animals with the opportunity to leave the shelter and experience less stressful environments.
- Update in CAC donations – the current total is \$4,044.27. CAC Donations were used this year to help aid in the removal of a cherry eye for 2 canine shelter residents, for a skin specialist appointment for 1 canine resident, and to replace the broken freezer in our enrichment area.
- Captain Fox reviewed the accomplishments of 2024 and the goals for 2025.
- Captain Fox addressed a concern made by a citizen regarding an injured animal and the response time of Animal Control.
  - Update: Animal Enforcement Supervisor Conti followed up with the citizen regarding his concerns about the injured animal lying there and suffering. He was advised of the response the officer had and why it took the time it did for her to respond. He was understanding and appreciative of the information, happy to know that an officer did respond and render aid to the animal and had no additional concerns.

## **Animal Care and Adoption Center Update: Jessica Wilde**

- Active Shelter Residents – 108 dogs & 107 cats. There are currently 46 dogs and 97 cats being fostered.
- The goal is to provide citizens resources so they can rehome on their own.

## **Animal Enforcement Update: Theresa Canape**

- There are a lot of deer out right now.
- Please report any animals left outside in cold weather.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**Next meeting: March 2025**