

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COLLIER COUNTY
DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, October 5, 2020

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Domestic Animal Services Advisory Board in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 3:00 PM for a workshop at the BCC Boardroom, 3rd Floor, W. Harmon Turner Building, Collier County Government Center, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Jim Rich
Sarah Baeckler-Davis
Marjorie Bloom

ALSO PRESENT: Darcy Andrade, Director, DAS
Kellie Carroll, Administrative Assistant, DAS
Marcy Perry, Field Operations Manager, DAS
Steve Carnell, Public Services Department Head

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Jim Rich called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Mr. Rich advised attendees that speakers are limited to three (3) minutes unless they receive time ceded from another registered speaker.

II. Roll Call

III. Staff Introduction

Jim Rich made opening remarks and introduced **Darcy Andrade, Director of Domestic Animal Services**. **Ms. Andrade** provided background information on the ordinance language to date.

IV. Public Comments

Cynthia Harrold passed on making comments.

Chuck Danielian ceded his time to **Kelly Hyland**.

Kelly Hyland discussed the timeframe to remediate violations and discussed Petland violations.

Jonathan Foerster from Humane Society Naples (HSN) stated that a ban was not part of the discussion, but that HSN believes that no regulation is possible without one. He also called for more frequent inspections, no third-party brokers, that retail buyers should be required to purchase from breeders and a ban on third party financing. **Mr. Foerster** stated that HSN is in favor of a seven (7) day cooling off period and that HSN is happy to be regulated and inspected.

Tom Kepp advised that he agrees with everything stated by **Mr. Foerster**. **Mr Kepp** also stated that Petland should provide no-cost spay and neuter surgery and that hobby breeders should be required to hold puppies for eight (8) weeks and have health certificates.

Jim Boatman ceded his time to **Kim Collins**.

Sara Bazler ceded her time to **Kim Collins**.

Theodore Collins ceded his time to **Kim Collins**.

Kim Collins, representing Florida Puppies Online discussed Section 4 (page 7) of the proposed ordinance and called for separate sections for Rescues so that Rescues can provide details on where animal are obtained. She advised that Florida Puppies Online takes issue with a spay/neuter provision as many Veterinarians don't agree with performing sterilization surgery on puppies. **Ms. Collins** stated that the recordkeeping needs to be streamlined, exercise regulations are not appropriate for all sizes of dogs, and that housing regulations are confusing. **Ms. Collins** advised that the state of Colorado has strong regulations and recommended that Collier County review those regulations.

Sarah Baeckler-Davis asked **Ms. Collins** if Florida Puppies Online was okay with all other aspects of the proposed language. **Ms. Collins** stated that providing names and addresses of breeders appears to be an invasion of privacy, but they can comply.

Nathan Bazler from Florida Puppies Online stated the biggest problem is the size requirements. He also spoke of the Colorado regulations and those of the State of New York. **Mr. Bazler** stated that the recordkeeping is unfair and that if HSN can comply, then Florida Puppies Online can as well. He also advised that people are not required to have USDA licenses; they choose to have them.

Dr. Albert Lopez, who assists Florida Puppies Online stated that rabies vaccinations are recommended at 16 weeks, but Collier County requires 12 weeks. **Dr. Lopez** also stated that he recommends spay/neuter surgery at 6 months up to two (2) years. He also stated that the sheltering requirement is too large for small breed dogs. He recommended that the County use the six-month guideline and that other Veterinarians need to be involved.

Marjorie Bloom stated that **Dr. Michael Gordon, DVM** is on the Animal Services Advisory Board.

Marc Pacelli stated that he has been in the veterinary field for over 25 years and is now with Florida Puppies Online. He stated that the ordinance seems to be against businesses vs. Humane societies. He stated that vaccines are every 21 days but health certificates are for 30 days and that small dogs are at risk for hypoglycemia.

Sarah Baeckler-Davis asked if he is okay with 6-12 months old for spay/neuter and he advised that he is. She asked **Mr. Pacelli** if he had any other concerns and he advised that the section on rabies is for 12 weeks of age, but the state says it is 16 weeks.

Darcy Andrade provided the Florida Statute on rabies vaccinations.

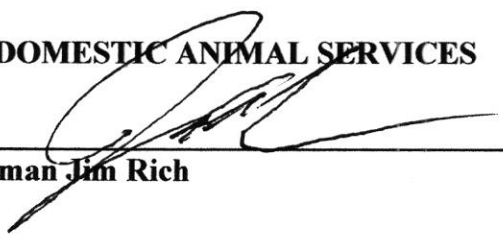
Tom Kepp stated that the small animals being discussed are bred to be that small and that the size of enclosures should not be changed. He advised that the enclosures were already in place when they moved in.

Sarah Baeckler-Davis asked if she had missed a speaker from Petland and was advised by **Jim Rich** that she did not. There were no registered speakers from Petland.

The next regularly scheduled Advisory Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Domestic Animal Training Room, Davis Blvd., Naples, Florida.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was concluded at 4:00 p.m.

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Vice Chairman Jim Rich

These minutes approved by Board/Committee on 11-17-20 as presented or as amended _____.