

# LEWISVILLE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

995 E. Valley Ridge Dr  
Lewisville, TX 75057  
ZOOM Meeting

JANUARY 26, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Denice Crafton, Citizen at Large  
Juli Patrick, Vice-Chairperson, Citizen at Large  
Deanna Perkins, Citizen at Large  
R. Neil Ferguson, Council Representative  
Dr. Walter Legg, DVM, Veterinarian Representative  
Amanda Earl, Chairperson, Animal Services Supervisor, Staff Representative

**City Staff Present:** Deanna Groves, Senior Animal Care Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie Davis, Code and Animal Services Manager

**Item #1:** Amanda Earl announces a quorum is present and calls the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**Item #2:** Amanda Earl informs the members she has emailed them a corrected version of the last meeting minutes and discusses changes. Amanda Earl motions to approve the previous meeting minutes. Deanna Perkins and Neil Ferguson discuss proper terminology for approving and Deanna Perkins moves to approve the previous meeting minutes, Neil Ferguson seconds the motion.

**Item #3:** Amanda Earl begins to present shelter updates and clarifies if all new members have been introduced to members that were not in attendance for the previous meeting. Amanda Earl welcomes Dr. Legg to the meeting as he joins. Amanda Earl discusses the signing process of the previous minutes with Juli Patrick. Amanda Earl states that the shelter is still closed to the public and states our current online procedures are successful; there was concern that the current procedures would affect the save rate but it has not. Amanda Earl provides shelter statistics for previous fiscal years to the present. The intakes have drastically decreased, predominantly due to not servicing traps/intaking feral cats and providing education to the public for their nuisance problems. The shelter is still taking surrenders and injured animals but not trapping animals. Amanda Earl discusses statistics of euthanasia, return to owner animals, adoptions, etc. Amanda Earl is pleased with the save rate and discusses how Deanna Groves has provided much-needed behavior enrichment for the dogs and has enlisted the help of other staff members who are excited about these activities. Amanda Earl touches briefly on the open shelter positions and filling them. Amanda Earl discusses the statistics for field-related calls such as bites, wildlife, etc. Amanda Earl opens the floor for questions regarding statistics and

Neil Ferguson inquires about wildlife calls and Amanda Earl explains that staff has been providing public education. Juli Patrick notices that there were no warnings/notices and inquires about it, Amanda Earl clarifies that warnings/notices are still being issued but the shelter is not currently tracking it. Amanda Earl states that she has tasked Charlie Brown, Animal Services Officer, with creating a report to provide those statistics. Amanda Earl discusses the change in procedure with barking dog complaints. Juli Patrick inquires about the disaster relief plan and Amanda Earl states that due to COVID there has been no headway.

**Item #4:** Amanda Earl opens the floor to public comment and Cleave Joiner comments about the feral cat euthanasia and passes the floor to his wife, Gillian Goldthorpe, to further comment on the feral cat concerns. Gillian Goldthorpe provides statistics and information about feral cats and community cats. Gillian Goldthorpe requests that the Advisory Board implements a TNR program. Neil Ferguson clarifies that members of the committee cannot take any action on this but can discuss any history of actions taken. Cleave Joiner clarifies that Gillian Goldthorpe and himself are not requesting a call to action but instead are seeking guidance on how to get a TNR program started with the city. Amanda Earl states TNR has been part of her five-year plan and discusses the research staff has provided as well as her previous experience in other cities. Cleave Joiner inquires what can be done on his end and Amanda Earl states that having community support is imperative for the program to succeed. Neil Ferguson comments that Amanda Earl's previous experience with other cities' TNR programs is the perfect example of how to properly implement TNR. Neil Ferguson mentions that for many years the shelter participated with Barn Cats for feral cats that relocated feral cats to barns after sterilization and rabies vaccinations and emphasizes how that created a vacuum effect. Amanda Earl confirms that the Barn Cats program is a bandaid solution to the problem and mentions the vacuum effect created by relocating feral cats. Neil Ferguson elaborates that the city used Barn Cats as a solution until a better option came along and that there are opponents to TNR. Cleave Joiner is in agreement with Neil Ferguson and reiterates that Gillian Goldthorpe and himself are seeking a TNR program. Cleave Joiner turns the floor over to Gillian Goldthorpe who speaks on her experience with TNR and communicating with residents to sign a petition for this program. Amanda Earl responds that before starting the TNR program the shelter needs the proper infrastructure, staffing, and budget to take on that responsibility. Amanda Earl and Gillian Goldthorpe discuss creating a volunteer group to help support the program. Gillian Goldthorpe revisits the topic of creating a petition. Neil Ferguson counters stating that petitions are overrated and are as effective as sending an email to council members. Neil Ferguson and Gillian Goldthorpe discuss the best method to have the citizens' requests be heard. Neil Ferguson recommends for citizens to be ready to attend the council meeting and have 3-8 citizens appointed to speak when Amanda Earl presents the TNR information to the city council. Amanda Earl and Neil Ferguson encourage Cleave Joiner and Gillian Goldthorpe to gather the necessary volunteers and provide the information to Amanda Earl via email. Gillian Goldthorpe inquires if impounded feral cats that have been ear-tipped are humanely euthanized after their stray hold and Amanda Earl responds that staff has been instructed to release ear-tipped cats after speaking with the resident unless they are sick, injured, or causing a nuisance in the neighborhood. Cleave Joiner and Gillian Goldthorpe thank the committee for their time and

Amanda Earl opens the floor to any other public comments. There are no other comments.

**Item #5:** Amanda Earl inquires when members would like to meet again and suggests the date April 20th. No members oppose or move to approve but the consensus confirms April 20th.

**Item #6:** Amanda Earl offers the floor to any other comment before suggesting to adjourn. Deanna Perkins moves to adjourn the meeting and Juli Patrick seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at approximately 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ariel Davis, Animal Services Shelter Clerk

**THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED BY THE CITY OF  
LEWISVILLE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

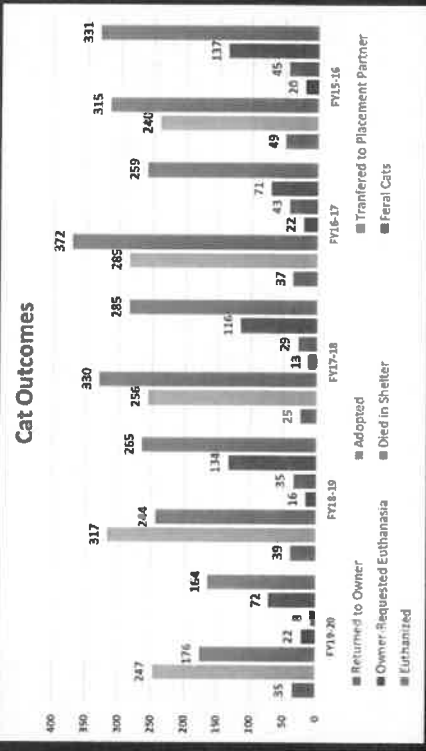
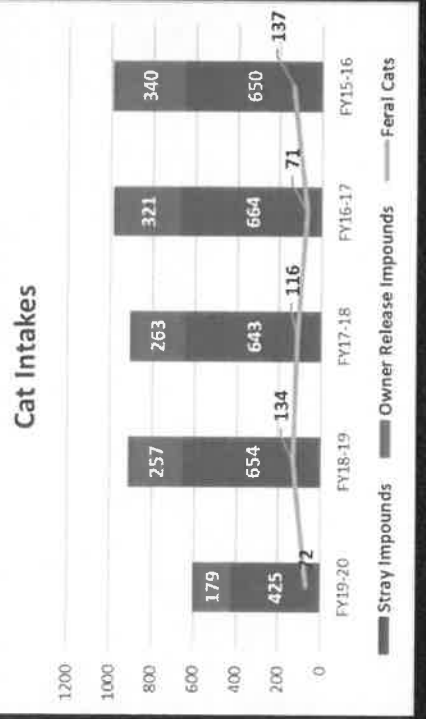
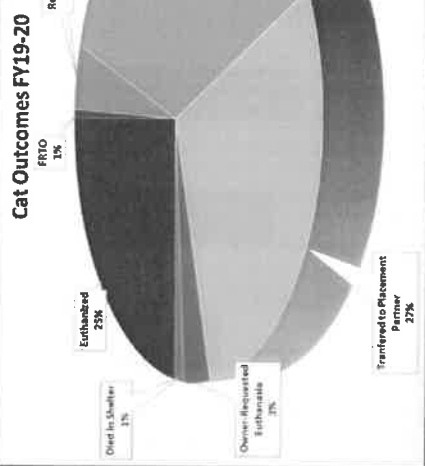
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**AMANDA EARL, CHAIRPERSON**

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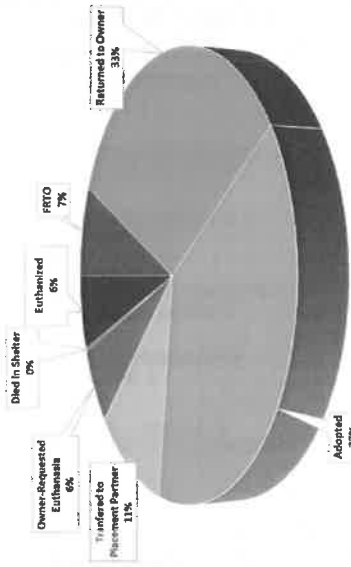
**JULI PATRICK, VICE-CHAIRPERSON**



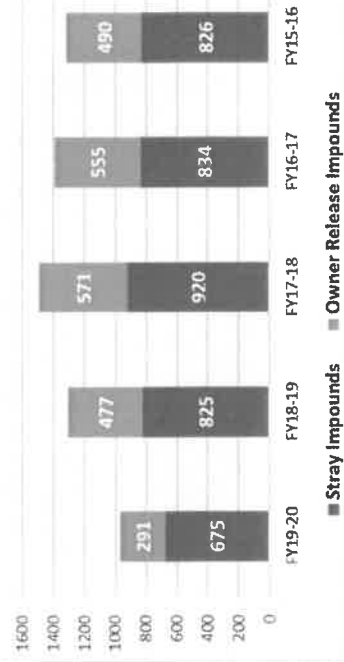




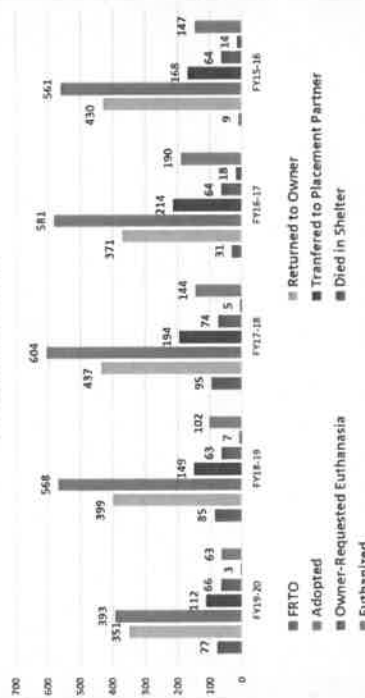
### Dog Outcomes FY19-20



### Dog Intakes

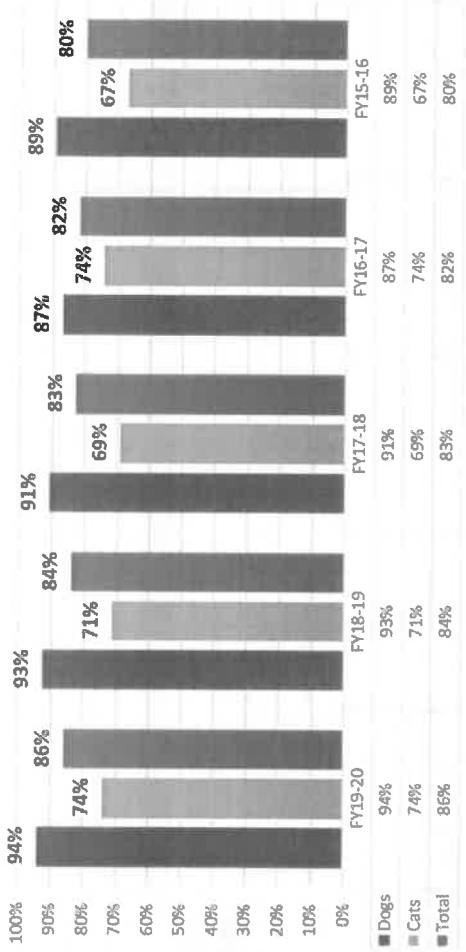


### Dog Outcomes





### Save Rates



# Metrics FY14-15 through FY19-20

	FY19-20	FY18-19	FY17-18	FY16-17	FY15-16	FY14-15
<b>Dogs</b>						
Stray Impounds	675	825	920	884	826	925
Owner Release Impounds	291	477	571	555	490	437
<b>Total Impounded</b>	<b>1032</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>1565</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>1360</b>	<b>1417</b>
FRTD	77	85	95	31	9	0
Returned to Owner	351	399	437	371	430	433
Adopted	393	568	604	581	561	510
Transferred to Placement Partner	112	149	194	214	168	174
Owner-Requested Euthanasia	66	63	74	64	64	55
Died in Shelter	3	7	5	18	14	32
Euthanized	63	102	144	190	147	205
<b>Live Release Rate</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Cats</b>						
Stray Impounds	425	654	643	664	650	627
Owner Release Impounds	179	257	263	321	340	229
<b>Total Impounded</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>880</b>
FRTD	4	1	0	0	0	0
Returned to Owner	31	39	25	37	49	29
Adopted	247	317	256	285	240	231
Transferred to Placement Partner	176	244	330	372	315	164
Owner-Requested Euthanasia	22	16	13	22	20	24
Died in Shelter	8	35	29	43	45	67
Feral Cats	72	134	116	71	137	205
Euthanized	164	265	285	259	331	329
<b>Live Release Rate</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Total Cats and Dogs</b>						
Stray Impounds	1100	1479	1563	1498	1476	1552
Owner Release Impounds	470	834	876	876	830	666
<b>Total Impounded</b>	<b>1658</b>	<b>2292</b>	<b>2484</b>	<b>2460</b>	<b>2390</b>	<b>2297</b>
Returned to Owner	382	438	462	408	479	462
Adopted	640	885	860	866	801	741
Transferred to Placement Partner	288	393	524	586	483	338
Owner-Requested Euthanasia	88	79	87	86	84	79
Died in Shelter	11	42	34	61	59	99
Feral Cats	72	134	116	71	137	205
Euthanized	227	367	429	449	478	534
<b>Live Release Rate</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>77%</b>

	FY19-20	FY18-19	FY17-18	FY16-17	FY15-16	FY14-15
<b>Animal Bites and Rabies Exposures</b>						
Dog Bites Reported	141	131	139	116	107	133
Cat Bites Reported	26	31	11	15	18	23
Other Animal Bites Reported	15	15	162	8	14	10
<b>Total Animal Bites Reported</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>166</b>
Dogs Quarantined at Shelter	38	46	50	37	44	45
Cats Quarantined at Shelter	6	9	4	6	6	11
Other Animals Quarantined at Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Animals Quarantined at Shelter</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>56</b>
Total Rabies Exposure Tests Sent	40	30	48	35	43	36
Total Positive Rabies Results	0	0	1	2	3	2
<b>Wildlife/Exotics</b>						
Total Impounded	244	454	661	548	641	628
Transferred to Rehab	10	78	64	96	132	102
Released to Wild	104	170	336	286	313	342
Adopted	21	48	45	9	5	1
Died in Shelter	2	10	13	17	22	60
Euthanized	107	150	197	145	165	143
<b>Deceased Animals</b>						
Dogs*	58	82	92	87	76	57
Cats	138	161	170	178	110	78
Wildlife/Exotics	348	477	783	563	414	251
<b>Total Deceased Animals</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1045</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Field Services</b>						
Service Requests	5066	5681	7259	6263	5950	6207
After Hours Service Requests	153	160	151	242	322	385
Warnings/Notices Issued	1138	656	1138	987	731	805
Citations Issued	26	59	157	202	102	104
<b>Other Information</b>						
Public Microchips Implanted	26	53	39	40	39	32