

# LEWISVILLE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

995 E. Valley Ridge Dr  
Lewisville, TX 75057

September 20, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Denice Crafton, Citizen at Large  
Deanna Perkins, Vice-Chairperson, Citizen at Large  
Britton Chapman, Citizen at Large  
Amanda Earl, Chairperson, Animal Services Supervisor, Staff Representative  
Dr. Walter Legg, DVM, Veterinarian Representative

**Members Absent:** Beverly Freed, Animal Welfare Organization Representative  
Ronni Cade, Council Representative

**City Staff Present:** Danni Alcantara, Animal Services Field Supervisor  
Jackie Davis, Code and Animal Services Manager  
Lacy Stinson, Shelter Clerk

**Item #1:** Amanda Earl announces a quorum is present and calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Item #2:** Amanda Earl asks if members have reviewed previous meeting minutes and Denice Crafton moves to approve the minutes and Deanna Perkins seconds the approval. Motion carries.

**Item #3:** Amanda Earl provides shelter updates and advises that intakes are up about 30%. She also advises that live release rates are increased, but the shelter is having to euthanize for space for the first time in years. Amanda Earl provides handouts of comparisons between the past fiscal year and the current fiscal year. Amanda Earl advises that shelter capacity is trending up except for August which included the Clear the Shelter event during which 130 adoptions were completed which is twice the number of normal adoptions in that time period. Amanda Earl stated that the entire market is saturated, rescues are full and living expenses have risen as well as increased rental restrictions. Amanda Earl inquires if there are any questions and there are none.

**Item #4:** Amanda Earl provided a staffing update advising that the city has re-classed an officer position to become the shelter supervisor to help with the increase in medical items, as well as managing the volunteer program, foster program and events. Only current officers are able to

apply for the shelter supervisor position. Surgeries have increased by 32% and all exams we do have increased by 30-40%. Service requests have also increased by 15% and citations have increased by 71%. The city has been doing a comprehensive salary survey as well. Amanda Earl introduced Lacy Stinson, the new shelter clerk.

**Item #5:** Amanda Earl gave an update that shelter renovations are completed and advised that the shelter is getting a new washing machine. Amanda Earl advised they are working with the youth action council to assist with decorating the shelter and will be adding back the Tree of Life. Amanda Earl advised a presentation is being readied for the Blue Ribbon Committee for a 4300 square foot expansion to the shelter which will include a complete surgery suite.

**Item #6:** Amanda Earl opens the floor for public comments.

Cleve Joiner of 331 N Charles states that it is encouraging that the shelter is referring people to Feral Cats, A Right to Life. Cleve Joiner inquired about which animals are being sterilized and Amanda Earl clarified that all animals that are put up for adoption are sterilized. Cleve Joiner asked if there were any updates regarding city council discussing or moving forward on a TNR program. Amanda Earl advised that there were no new updates at this time.

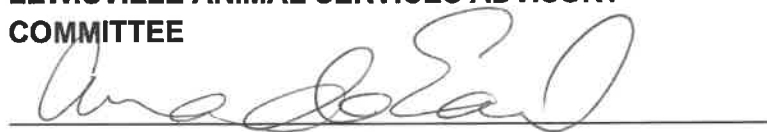
Gillian Goldthorpe of 331 N. Charles advised she runs a 501c3 for feral cats (Feral Cats, A Right to Life) and asked why the shelter vet could not perform TNR. Amanda Earl advised that the vet is approved only for adoptable animals. Gillian Goldthorpe asked if kittens that were found stray/feral that have been successfully socialized could be brought in for adoption. Amanda Earl advised that all kittens must be 12 weeks of age and friendly to be adopted out.

**Item #7:** Amanda Earl recommends the next meeting date of January 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm and all agree.

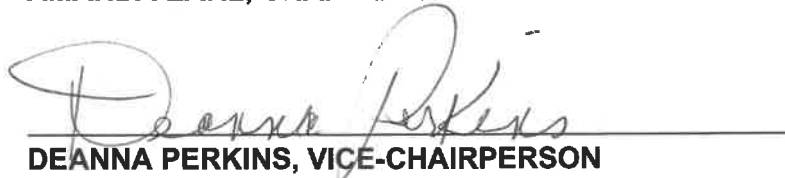
**Item #6:** Amanda Earl asks for a motion to adjourn. Britton Chapman motions to adjourn and Deanna Perkins seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 6:57pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lacy Stinson, Animal Services Shelter Clerk

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



**AMANDA EARL, CHAIRPERSON**



**DEANNA PERKINS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON**