

**Animal Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 11, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center**

**Committee Roll Call:**

Assistant Chief Cliff Woitena  
Amy Potter Losh  
Dr. Betsy Robinson  
Jasmine O'Keefe  
Patricia Rytlewski  
Susanne Joosten

**Absent:**

Stacy Warner (RESIGNED)

Meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

Jasmine provided a handout with August statistics and shelter updates. Statistical information was provided to the committee beforehand to review at their own pace and prepare questions. Statistics are available on the shelter website. The committee reviewed and discussed intakes/outcomes, current shelter capacity, new volunteer processes, and a new case management program for animals needing special consideration for adoptability.

Discussion held on:

**Community Cat/TNR Program** – Mara from American Pets Alive introduced herself and reinforced that she welcomes community input in addition to observing shelter procedures as she completes her assessment of the city's TNR program. Jasmine introduced the Cat Socialization continuum developed by Alley Cat Allies that will be utilized by shelter staff and volunteers to assess cats as they move through the shelter.

**Sterilization Updates** – Jasmine shared number of sterilizations performed this year as well as number awaiting procedure. Committee questioned how the shelter staff will be more proactive in getting animals sterilized sooner. Jasmine shared that the shelter has been awarded a grant by Best Friends Animal Society that has been earmarked for sterilization bids.

**Election of Committee Chairman** – The Committee voted unanimously to elect Susanne Joosten as Committee Chairman.

Public comments:

A sign in-sheet was provided to document League City citizens wishing to speak.

Discussion held on TNR Program concerns, a canine who was transferred out of the shelter, and the shelter's advertising protocols.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.