

TOWN OF BRANFORD
DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES
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Present: Marilyn Valette, Gretchen Dale, Laurie Van Wilgen, Eric Maass, Bernice McKay, John Dendas

Absent: Melodie O'Connor

Guest: Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Monthly Reports: Were reviewed. Gretchen Dale asked a question about the medical budget and fund. Bernice McKay made a motion to accept the reports. John Dendas seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Minutes from the last meeting- were reviewed. John Dendas made a motion to approve the minutes, Laurie VanWilgen seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Updates from the Shelter- Laura discussed the shortage of staff. We are looking for a per diem ACO who can cover vacations, illness, medical leave. Also looking for an Animal Care Attendant. Continuing to interview for both positions. The new cleaning service is working out very well and everyone is happy with the results.

Fundraisers & Events

Puppy Love-raised \$10,833

Run to Remember- held Sunday 4/13)- estimates \$10,000 will get final and update in the next minutes

Upcoming Events

Rabies Clinic -April 27, 2025, will be held at the Shelter. Carefur Veterinarians from Madison will staff the event and have donated the Rabies Vaccine. We have room for 150 animals for rabies vaccinations.

Eric Maas brought up the idea of working on an idea for a fundraiser to raise a large amount of money. Perhaps at a fancy restaurant with an auction or Puppy Bowl or puppy naming event or perhaps even a golf outing. The committee liked the idea of this and will work to try to develop the idea further.

We are also going to look for other venues and businesses who would be willing to hold and event for the Shelter.

Bernice McKay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Dendas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission