

Animal Care and Control Oversight Commission
Meeting Minutes January 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.

ACCOC MEMBERS PRESENT: Veronica Dougherty, Kerrienne Hanlin, JoAnn Kricker, Ricky Lewis, and Lyn Yelton (Chair)

ACCA STAFF: Jen Callahan, Eddie Crick, Crystal Literal, and Michelle

COUNTY STAFF: Al Wein (Administrator), Jason Allison (Attorney)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Commission briefly discussed the past meetings minutes that were distributed for review prior to the meeting. Ms Yelton requested several changes to the minutes. The minutes will be revised and presented to the Commission for approval.

The dates for the next quarterly meetings were established for 2014. Meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, and Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

The Animal Care and Control Authority "A Buddy for Life" reviewed its quarterly report for October, November, and December of 2013. Following review of the report, A Buddy for Life representatives Jen Callahan, Eddie Crick, and Michelle described their new volunteer program. The program involves teens who need community work service hours. They also teamed up with Social Services to take on volunteers from Cecil County who need work or work experience for future employment. Volunteers receive appropriate training and animal care education. Jen Callahan informed the Commission that A Buddy for Life continues to run low cost rabies clinics in Cecil County and announced that they had recently completed construction of a separate entrance for the shelter. The Commission congratulated A Buddy for Life on their efforts in these areas.

Al Wein gave an update on the current timeline for the proposed legislative review of the Animal Care and Control ordinance and Bill 2013-19. Mr. Wein informed the Commission that the amendments will be discussed during public session on February 4, 2014. License periods for kennel applicants will be from May 1st to April 30th of the following year.

Al Wein updated the Commission on the recent quarterly inspection of the shelter facility at A Buddy for Life. The County selected the following individuals to conduct the inspections: Dr. John Fahry (Doctor of Veterinarian Care), Pat Conway, (Director of Permits and Inspections), Richard Brooks (Department of Emergency Services), and Angie Scramlin (Cecil County Health Department). Mr. Wein and Jen Callahan both indicated that the inspection went well.

Public comments were heard. Questions included but were not limited to the following:

What happened to the A Buddy for Life dog that was removed from the Pollard residence?

How many kennels and catteries are operating in Cecil County?

Does A Buddy for Life have enough space to house the animals in its care?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Secretary: 