

**Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board
Meeting-October 8, 2020
Via Teleconference**

Minutes for Approval

Board Members in Teleconference

Michael McNutt, Coleen Rene Bray, Terry Allen Rowlett, Dr. Mark Smith, Elbert Bennett, Bonnie Enlow, Douglas Johnson, Aaron Goodpaster

Board Members Absent

Brad Rainwater, Dustin Embry, Misti Drew, Sara Beth Guffey

Department of Agriculture Staff Present

Clint Quarles, Michael Grant

Welcome & Call to Order

Michael Grant called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and welcomed those online. Guests were requested to introduce themselves.

Media Notification

Michael Grant confirmed the media was notified about the meeting.

Roll Call

Roll Call was held and a quorum was present.

Approval of the February 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from meeting were approved without corrections.

Old Business

In an update on the Red Tape Reduction Initiative goals to cut, revise, or keep intact regulations from the past seven years, Clint Quarles reported that he is working to scrap old state veterinarian regulations, consolidate current regulations, and write new ones. He said other states' Certificates of Veterinarian Inspections are more tightly focused on agricultural livestock and were more stringent than those of Kentucky. Senate Bill 140 concerning Animal Control Officers is currently in stasis.

Clint reported that there would be a significant turnover in lead personnel in the KDA Office of State Veterinarian. Dr. Bradley Keough, the Deputy State Veterinarian will be leaving his job. Furthermore, Dr. Robert Stout, the State Veterinarian is expected to leave that position in the near future.

Clint complimented the online “Basic Animal Control Officer Online Training Program” that is available on the Kentucky Animal Care & Control Association website. He credits it for emphasizing job expectations for ACOs. The video may be used as the foundation for further training. Becky Reiter of KACAA reported that nearly 400 individuals have registered for the training so far. One hundred of them were Animal Care Technicians in training and the remainder were Animal Control Officers. She cited that 95 different organizations have registered for the ACO training, two of which were from outside Kentucky. Eighty-seven Animal Control Officer Certificates and 47 Animal Care Technician certificates have been issued through the program. There are currently 86 active users in the training website.

Clint Quarles recommended advertising this training and perhaps making the ACO training part of the Spay/Neuter Grant application form. Becky Reiter stated that most County Judge-Executives wanted guidance on the Animal Control Officer training requirements. This creates a substantial opportunity for increasing training around Kentucky. The training is still free for Kentucky county governments and the KACCO web platform is able to handle increased traffic.

Michael Grant reported on the last year’s Spay/Neuter program recipient cities and counties. He stated that nearly all the grantee counties and cities have submitted their Spay/Neuter Grant report forms. Only three have ask for and been granted a time extension to close out their grants.

New Business

Clint suggested that the call for 2020 Spay/Neuter Grant Applications be posted on the ACAB website on May 1st, with the awards announced in July.

The Board approved Spay/Neuter Grants for county and city governments around the state.

The Board also approved mandating Animal Control Officer training for the county/city ACO supervisors as a requirement for spay/neuter funding.

The Board discussed the license plate funding for grants and state government auditing requirements. Also discussed were the Petco grant for Warren County and legal matters concerning the Trixie Foundation of Elliot County.

Adjournment

Having no further business to come before the Board the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approval

Signature

Date