

## Community Animal Watch Committee Meeting

April 21, 2011

Attendees: Jacqui Deveneau, Karen Brozek, Sharon Inkpen, Will Watson, Kim Hatch, Nancy Tate, Arlene Dolgon, Lynda Smith

Introductions done as this is Sharon Inkpen's first meeting.

Jacqui is reporting the Treasurers report. We have \$397.26 currently. \$50 was collected at the tabling at the Swap meet.

Pet food drive updates. Arlene has been breaking up the dry food that we have received into 2 lb bags for the Salvation Army. Danielle from the Salvation Army sent a letter requesting donations of food from Hannaford's warehouse. Will said that any food can be picked up by truck and we can sort the food from there. The kennel storage area is almost full, so we have to watch the space. There is a lot of dog food that we aren't using. The suggestion was that we could offer some to the Saco food pantry on Ocean Park Road.

Arlene inquired as to if there was cat food that Hannaford was able to offer. As Will explains, the large dog food bags tend to get damaged more often than the small cat food bags. Kennel Shop is also on our list for hoping for donations.

The Salvation Army is desperate for people food also, so if anyone can help or can spread the word asking for donations, please do.

Foster homes are still needed for the kittens that are being born to the cats that Arlene and Nancy are capturing. They have caught, spayed and rereleased 39 cats at this point. Eleanor, who also traps with Nancy and Arlene, is able to put mom and kittens on her porch until the kittens are old enough to be separated from mom. The cats that are in the colony are healthy with no fleas or worms.

There is another group that is being watched, but foster homes are needed to hold them and decide if they can be rehabbed to become pets. Again, if anyone has a quiet place for the ferals to recuperate after being neutered, please let us know. Three days are needed for the females, two for the males.

Officer St. Pierre will be doing a demonstration with Gunther the police dog. Will will be keeping up with a date and let us know.

Steve is keeping current with the website.

Jessica has put CAW on Facebook. She is taking a leave of absence at this point for a job out of state.

Jacqui is passing out the brochures so we can all look it over and suggest changes at the next meeting.

As of three weeks ago, 71 cats and 11 dogs had been surrendered or caught, not claimed and taken to the AWS shelter since we have had the contract in place. Will receives strays and finds the owners if he is able and turns them into the shelter if he is not.

The Channel 3 ad is reading that we are asking for food and money donations, as well as foster homes.

Come with your fundraising ideas next month. We really need to raise funds to help those in need help feed their pets. As discussed above, the food pantries are in need for people food, so pet food has to also be needed.

The Swap will be moved to the end of May next year, as the last two years were too cold to attract many people. The next event is the Taste of OOB event downtown, we will need to get people to volunteer for the table. Jacqui will be unable to attend. The next event will be the baseball tournament is scheduled on Saturday, May 14, from 12 to 6. We will also need volunteers to table then also.

A yard sale is suggested as a fund raiser. So keep your eyes and ears open for donations of good yard sale items. We will look for a site to accomplish that. We could write a letter to Paul Golzbein to ask if he were able to hold a fundraiser on the Pier for our group.

Again, if you see any strays or throwaways, please let the police department to contact the ACO. Will reminds us that there are specific rules that apply to anyone who will be incarcerated who needs to find an animal a home. Also, all injured animals who we don't know who owners are should be called into the police department.

Will offered again that we can learn the ins and outs to watch the shelter animals at the shelter.

Karen has offered her dog training services towards fundraising. She will think of the ways that this could help the committee out. Will says July 5<sup>th</sup> is a great day for a bottle drive.

The next meeting will be held at May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm at the Police Station.