

**THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE  
MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 415  
CITY HALL**

**1:00 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 17, 2019**

1:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members**

J. Spencer, Chair, Dog Owners Association  
Councillor Joan Rymal  
G. Gratton, Animal Aide  
C. Burns, Another Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation  
L. Jackson, All Breed Canine Rescue  
Deb Harris

**Officials**

M. Knapp, Corporate Administrative &  
Accessibility Clerk

**Others**

Anne Vanderkuyl

**Absent**

K. Knott  
C. Clarke

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**MINUTES**

Motion by C. Burns – Councillor Rymal:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on September 25, 2019 be confirmed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Group Updates - Appendix "A"**

Ms. Burns stated that a positive case of rabies was found in Port Stanley and that once Southwestern Public Health confirms the strain of the rabies, the Ministry of Natural Resources will give directions on how to proceed.

Councillor Rymal advised that she would let the Manager of Roads and Transportation know about the rabies case.

Ms. Burns distributed a brochure from the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding relocating wildlife.

The members discussed different strains of rabies and whether or not to quarantine animals.

The members discussed having a representative from Southwestern Public Health or the Ministry of Natural Resources to attend the next meeting.

Ms. Gratton stated that Animal Aide had stopped accepting animals due to financial constraints.

Ms. Jackson stated that All Breed Canine Rescue was experiencing financial constraints, had many sick animals and not enough foster homes.

**September 2019 Shelter Statistics – Appendix "B"**

The Chair stated that the "Other" cats on the August statistic sheet were other rescue organizations.

Ms. Jackson stated that a dog was euthanized at the shelter and All Breed Canine Rescue was not contacted beforehand.

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Ms. Harris stated that the dog was very sick and would not have made it through surgery.

Councillor Rymal stated that any concerns about policies at the shelter can be forwarded to the Manager of Roads and Transportation.

Application Process Review

The members discussed additional rules for adoption at the shelter.

Councillor Rymal stated that she would follow up with the Manager of Roads and Transportation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chatham-Kent Animal Rescue

Ms. Harris provided the members with more details regarding her visit to the Chatham-Kent animal shelter.

The Chair stated that Owen Sound and Bracebridge also had shelters that the Committee members could visit.

Councillor Rymal suggested making a list of items for the architect who would be designing the new shelter.

Fundraising Project for New Animal Shelter

The members discussed various fundraising ideas for the new animal shelter.

A meeting regarding the new animal shelter would take place October 29th at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room #304.

Trupanion Health Insurance

Meet Your Match Program

City Animal Services Van – Advertising

Patrolling by Staff

Assessment of Dogs

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING**

November 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room #415

**ADJOURNMENT**

2:12 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

**Appendix "A"**  
**Another Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation**  
**Calls from St. Thomas Animal Control, Police, Fire Dept & Elgin OPP**  
**2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Animal &amp; Circumstances</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Jan 27	AC	Goose call X2. Wing & tail injuries. Went out twice	Unable to reach goose due ice on the pond was unsafe to walk on
Feb	AC	Peregrine Falcon stuck in a balcony. We & AC attended	Falcon got out on its own
Jan 14	St. Thomas Police/AC	We received call from citizen who was in a ravine with a deer with a broken leg. She'd called police We attended scene. Police & AC arrived.	Police shot the deer
Feb 7	OPP Malahide	Raccoon-Aylmer- home owner concerned it was ill or injured. OPP responded & called us	OPP determined it was fine & left it alone
Feb 19	St. Thomas Police	Deer limping-(on the military museum property) We attended scene	Unable to locate deer
Feb 27	Fire Dept	Deer fell thru ice in a pond. Fire Fighters rescued. We went to Fire Station to advise	Died while at Fire Dept
Mar 24	Citizen called Fire Dept	Raccoon wandering around neighborhood. We spoke with caller.	Raccoon fine and moved on
Mar 25	AC	Deer tangled on the fence in Pinafore Park	Deer got free on its own
Mar 29	Citizen called AC/Fire Dept	Finder found dead duck in a playground in Aylmer. Concerned about health issues. We spoke with caller	Advised to dispose of duck & call City of Aylmer with concerns
Mar 30	Citizen called Ac/Fire Dept	Raccoon wandering around a neighborhood in St Thomas. We spoke with caller	Raccoon fine and moved on
Apr 4	OPP/Citizen	Caller witnessing a fox attacking a 'Canada goose' at Condos on Carlow Rd, Pt. Stanley. We attended. Fox had killed a wild turkey	Carcass removed
Apr 9	AC	Baby squirrel in St. Thomas. We picked up baby	Admitted to our care
Apr 14	AC	Young muskrat on Elm St near Pinafore Park being poked with sticks by children. We attended	In harm's way. ACWR relocated
April 14	AC	Skunk on Burwell with a mayonnaise jar stuck on its head. We attended scene	Jar removed, assessed and released
Apr 15	AC/Caller	Disorientated raccoon on Ron McNeil & Burwell. We attended	Captured & taken to Beaver Creek. Euthanized
Apr 17	AC	Mother raccoon with mange & 6 babies in caller's window well. We attended twice	Admitted Mom & babies. Treated and released
Apr 22	Fire Dept	Injured rabbit. We attended the scene	Not there when arrived
May 8	OPP	Mom & baby raccoons found killed in a barn One terrified baby rescued from an out building	OPP investigating ?cult Single was rehabbed



Appendix "B"

Monthly Total	Dogs Entered					Dogs Out				
	Stray/lost	Drop-Off	Owner Surrender	Police	Owner	Adopted	ABCR	Euthanized	Other	
Sept 1 - 30										
St. Thomas	12	0	9	0	11	5	4	1	0	
Southwold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Malahide	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Central Elgin	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	
Aylmer	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	21	0	9	0	19	5	4	1	0	
Total Dogs IN	30									
Total Dogs OUT	29									

Other Dogs	
Home other area	
Total	0

Monthly Total	Cats Entered					Cats Out				
	Stray/lost	Drop-Off	Owner Surrender	Owner	Adopted	Animal Aide	Pets Friends	ABCR	Euthanized	Other
Sept 1 - 30										
St. Thomas	9	0	8	2	2	0	0	0	1	3
Total Cats IN	17									
Total Cats OUT	8									

Other Cats	
Big Fix Rescue	1
Barn Cat Program	
Art 4 Animals	
Charity Cat	
Meow or never	1
Passed On (Natural Causes)	1
Community cat	
Total	1

Year to Date	
Total Dogs IN	202
Total Dogs OUT	198

Total Cats IN	154
Total Cats OUT	149

Carried over from 2018	
Dogs	0
Cats	19