**Sedgwick County Animal Care Advisory Board Meeting**

Animal Control
*Sedgwick County Health Department*
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Nika Orebaugh, Animal Control Supervisor

Program Supervisor

**Of June 13, 2024**

**Attendance:**

**Advisory Board: Members Present** - Susan Erlenwein, Janna Hays, Dr. Julie Evans, Shelley Duncan, Shanti Mikolajczyk, Erika Lovett, and Kylee Wallentine (by phone)

**Members Absent –** Simone Ward and Susan Lentz

**Public** – None

**Sedgwick County Staff** –Nika Orebaugh and Dina Ingram

**1.** **New Business:**

**A.** **Minutes:** Discussion and approval of May 9, 2024 minutes. Approval of the minutes was moved by Shanti Mikolajczyk and seconded by Shelley Duncan. Motion was approved by majority vote.

**B. Report on KDA developments and how they will affect Sedgwick County operations:** Nika Orebaugh brought the Board up-to-date on recent developments in the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). She reviewed information about parvo at the Wichita Shelter. Janna Hays shared information on puppies with parvo being euthanized.

**2. Old Business:**

**A. Review of ACAB proposed Code Changes:** Susan and Nika reviewed information from the Legal Department on nuisance animals. Counties do not have the power to abate properties. Animals are considered property. Therefore, a taking of an animal is not allowed unless under certain circumstances (dangerous). This is what happened in a Douglas County case. We are still waiting to see if the Legal Department can figure something out for our proposed regulation concerning penalties for nuisance animal owners. For our proposed regulations on Exotic animals and Dog Breeding, Nika needs to meet with the contracted cities for their input. The items may be able to be placed on the Commission Consent Agenda.

**3. Staff Update-** Nika reviewed a cat hoarding case in Bentley and participation in Project Hope. She mentioned that homeless people do stop the office for pet food. She mentioned a guy dumping his micro-chipped dog and getting caught doing it several times. She reviewed some upcoming events, including Woofstock. Nika will be attending Emergency Management training concerning the cyber security issues.

**4. Public – None**

**5. Adjournment –** The Board agreed to adjourn at 6:53 PM.