**Sedgwick County Animal Care Advisory Board Meeting**

Animal Control
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Nika Orebaugh, Animal Control Supervisor

Program Supervisor

**Of August 8, 2024**

**Attendance:**

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

**Members Absent –** None

**Public** – None

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

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

**A.** **Minutes:** Discussion and approval of June 13, 2024 minutes. Approval of the minutes was moved by Shelley Duncan and seconded by Janna Hays. 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 kennel cough at the Wichita Animal Shelter. Nika shared information on WAS not transferring out dogs/puppies due to kennel cough. She mentioned that Kansas is the last state in the nation to allow cats with FIV to be transported. There is a high level of kittens right now, and a high euthanization rate.

**C.** **Other New Business:** Susan Erlenwein handed out recent news articles on a Salina species ban and “Document details severity of cats’ injuries in animal torture case” by KWCH. The Sedgwick County Animal Control Department was involved in the torture case. Nika was asked by the Board to review the case details and outcomes, which she did. Animal Control did a lot of work behind the scenes to get free cat postings removed from social media, since this is how he was collecting the cats.

**2. Old Business:**

**A. Review of ACAB proposed Code Changes:** Susan noted that 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. These two items may be able to be placed on the Commission Consent Agenda.

**3. Staff Update-** Nika reviewed the VA Stand Up For Vets event. They prepared pet bags to hand out to homeless vets with pets. There will be a vaccine clinic this September in Oaklawn. The County pet food drive collected over 800 pounds of food, which helps the homeless bags. Volunteers from Textron helped make the bags.

**4. Public Comment: – None**

**5. Adjournment –** The Board agreed to adjourn at 7:23 PM.