

## **Metro Animal Care and Control Advisory Council meeting September 10, 2014**

**Present:** Co-chair Lisa Stetar, Jon Cole, Dr. Tobe Singleton, Sharon Green, Council Lady Karen Bennett Council District 8, Marc Stevenson, and Councilman Phil Claiborne Council District 15.

**Absent with notice:** Joy Beach, Angel May, Thomas Spence, and Jennifer Hagan-Dier.

**Staff:** Ashley Daugherty, Stan Romine, Lauren Bluestone, Becca Morris, and Tom Sharp. Martha Bickley, recorder.

**Guests:** Natalie Corwin

**Call to order:** Co-chair Lisa Stetar called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Ms. Stetar asked those present at the table to introduce themselves.

**July Minutes:** Jon Cole made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Singleton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **MACC Update**

**Ashley Daugherty:** Mayor Dean recently asked about MACC and Ashley informed him that Lauren has exceeded expectations at every turn. She has experience in every aspect of shelter duties in her career and is highly qualified to lead MACC. Masters in Criminal Justice and Masters in Animal Science.

**Lauren:** Many changes are underway at MACC. Volunteer hours reached 500 in one month. MACC has begun operating on same day service in responding to emergent calls. Animal disposition guidelines from entry to exit are being examined. Euthanasia rate is down to 43%. Intakes are up 13% over August of last year. One hundred animals were adopted in August, and there were 144 transfers to rescue partners in August. Internal workings and organizational structure of the program will be revised. There has been significant staff turnover and more is expected. Lauren and Human Resources are making effort now to fill vacancies. There are seven field positions, covering four zones; one officer works night call.

Lauren provided an update on chemical capture status re Class 3 scheduled drugs and explained that state law prohibits anyone but the veterinarian from carrying such drugs out of the building.

### **Legislative Update**

**CL Bennett:** The dog pen enclosure legislation passed Tuesday night, ordinance number BL2014-841(Attachment I). Next on CL Bennett's list is to work on an amendment to the tethering legislation.

CL Bennett also asked that efforts be made to educate the public at large on acceptable conditions in which to keep animals. CM Claiborne suggested Channel 3 as an educational outlet.

### **Update on Pet Community Center (PCC)**

**Natalie Corwin:** The Pet Community Center opened in June; Ms. Corwin shared her update in Attachment II. The center is located at 943B Dr. Richard B. Adams Drive. CM Claiborne suggested PCC seek additional funding from MACC's \$3 allocation fund.

Marketing, mapping and data in regard to community spay neuter efforts will be further examined.

### **Other Business**

CM Claiborne asked for update on the \$3 allocation at the next meeting.

CM Claiborne asked for an action item members willing to commit to contacting local news stations for public services announcements (PSAs) related to spay/neuter and animal care education. Further discussion would include asking for content on a PSA, who to call, sources of funding, creation of actual PSA. CM Claiborne suggested McGavock High School as a possible source of production for a PSA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Bickley, recorder

**SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE NO. BL2014-841**

**An Ordinance amending Chapter 8.12 of the Metropolitan Code pertaining to the minimum size of outdoor animal enclosures.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. Chapter 8.12 of the Metropolitan Code is hereby amended by adding the following new Section 8.12.110:

8.12.110 Pen enclosures for dogs

A. For purposes of this section, "outdoor pen enclosure" means an enclosure (excluding fenced-in yards) used as the primary living area, or an area used regularly for an animal or animals to eat, sleep, drink, and eliminate. The configuration of the enclosure must be such that the dog can easily move about.

B. Outdoor pen enclosures shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Minimum size. Outdoor pen enclosures shall meet the square footage requirements set forth in Table 8.12.110 provided below based upon the number and size of dogs in the enclosure, provided that puppies less than three months in age shall not be counted for purposes of determining the minimum size of the enclosure.
2. The required amount of unoccupied space does not include that required for 'adequate shelter' as defined in this chapter, but shall include adequate shade for all dogs in enclosure.
3. The pen or secure enclosure shall be constructed with chain link or other similar fencing material, as defined in section 16.24.330 of the metropolitan code, with all sides enclosed.
4. The floors of pens shall be constructed of such material or otherwise arranged so that there is no accumulation of standing water.
5. All pens shall be kept clean and sanitary and shall not be kept in a manner that creates a nuisance for the neighbors or neighborhood; nor filthy or dirty confinement conditions, including but not limited to exposure to excessive animal waste, garbage, dirty water, noxious odors, dangerous objects that could injure or kill the dog upon contact, or other circumstances that could cause harm to the dog's health.
6. The pen shall be sufficient height as to prevent the dog from escaping and, if a top is used, it must be at least 12 inches above the head of the tallest dog.

Table 8.12.110

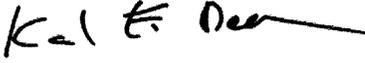
<b>MINIMUM SIZE FOR OUTDOOR PEN ENCLOSURES</b>				
<b>Minimum square footage of unoccupied area (excluding doghouse) based on largest dog</b>				
<b>Number of Dogs*</b>	<b>Up to 25 Pounds</b>	<b>25 to 50 Pounds</b>	<b>Over 50 Pounds</b>	<b>Over 100 Pounds</b>
1	20	50	80	100
2	50	80	100	150
3	80	100	150	200
4	100	150	200	250

\*Add 50 square feet for each additional dog over and above four

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its enactment, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Sponsored by: Karen Bennett, Scott Davis, Peter Westerholm, Anthony Davis

<b>LEGISLATIVE HISTORY</b>	
Introduced:	July 15, 2014
Passed First Reading:	July 15, 2014
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Amended:	August 5, 2014
Deferred:	August 5, 2014
Substitute Introduced:	August 19, 2014
Passed Second Reading:	August 19, 2014

Passed Third Reading:	September 9, 2014
Approved:	September 10, 2014
By:	

Requests for ADA accommodation should be directed to the Metropolitan Clerk at 615/862-6770.

# About Us

- Formed 2011
- Main goals are to reduce pet overpopulation and homelessness and lower shelter intake and euthanasia.
- Started as spay/neuter assistance program using a network of clinic
- Opened Humane Alliance model clinic in June 2014 in response to research indicating shortage of 11,000 surgeries per year to achieve 90% live release rate community wide.



# Spay + Neuter Clinic

- Located in East Nashville in a Metro owned property.
- Open Tues – Sat
- Current volume is 25 surgeries per day; building up to 35 per day by end of 2014. 1359 performed to date
- Full time, trained staff



# Transport Program

- Focusing on underserved areas
- Inside Metro we are working on a partnership with Casa Azafran in 37211/Nolensville Rd. area.
- Plans to expand to Antioch
- Also working with surrounding counties without access to low cost spay/neuter – Cheatham, Robertson and Dickson Counties.



# Trap-Neuter-Return

- Serving free roaming cats - \$30 package includes spay/neuter, rabies shot and ear tip
- We provide free trap loan, one on one coaching.
- In target areas we provide free surgeries



# TNR Results

- Old Hickory Program (37138) – Started May 2013. 340 cats sterilized. Cat intake at MACC dropped 45% after 12 months.
- Inglewood Program (37216) – Started September 2013. 202 cats sterilized. Cat intake at MACC dropped 55% after 12 months.



# Microchip Clinics

- Offering \$10 microchips through our partner Found Animals Foundation – free lifetime (automatic) registration
- Free registration for ANY brand of chip



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**community**  
**center** spay +  
neuter clinic

# How you can help

- Spread the word about our programs and assistance
- Attend Rock n Roll for Pup Control on Sept 19
- Share our specials on Facebook
  - Kitties and Pitties coming up in October

