



Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

1/21/2021

Notice is hereby given in accordance with an order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, of a Regular Meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee of the City of San Angelo scheduled for January 21, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. The East Mezzanine of City Hall, 72 W. College Ave., San Angelo, Texas will not be open to the public. Committee members and staff will attend virtually in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be no public access to the regular meeting location. A public, free-of-charge audio/video broadcast of the meeting will be available on the City’s YouTube channel at [youtube.com/CityofSanAngelo](https://www.youtube.com/CityofSanAngelo).

The Meeting Agenda and the Agenda Packet are posted online at <https://www.cosatx.us/departments-services/animal-services/animal-shelter-advisory-committee>.

Members of the public who wish to submit **Public Comment** on agenda items must send their written comments via email to Morgan.Chegwidden@cosatx.us by noon January 20, 2021.

The subject must be in the following format: “Public Comment, [item number] – January 21, 2021.”

All emails must include your name and address or SMD.

Please note all Public Comment emails relevant to posted agenda items received by the deadline will be published as part of the agenda packet prior to the meeting and are therefore public record.

Call 325-657-4225 for staff assistance.

A recording of the meeting will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

Issues or items that are not on the agenda may be raised by the public at this time. Citizens should speak from the podium, begin by stating their name and limit remarks to less than three minutes. Committee members may request that a discussed item be placed on a future agenda. The Committee takes public comment on all Regular Agenda items during the discussion of those items.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider approving the October 15, 2020 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes

4. Regular Agenda

- a. Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for October 2020
- b. Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for November 2020
- c. Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for December 2020

d. Consider recommending approval of a policy limiting service area to city limits only

5. **Follow Up and Administrative Issues**

6. **Adjournment**

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of San Angelo, Texas, on the 15th day of January 2021, at 11:46 a.m.

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Morgan Chegwidden, Assistant Director
Neighborhood & Family Services

All agenda items are subject to action. The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee reserves the right to consider business out of posted order.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of San Angelo will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending board or commission meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 48 hours prior to the meetings. Please contact the Assistant Director Neighborhood & Family Services at 325-657-4225.



Requestor: Morgan Chegwiddden, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services, Neighborhood and Family Services, 325-657-4224

Meeting Date: January 21, 2021

Item type: Consent Item

Caption:

Consider approving the October 15, 2020 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes

Summary/History:

Attached are the draft minutes for the committee's consideration.

Financial Impact:

N/A

Other Information/Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.

Attachments:

1.	3a 201015 ASAC Minutes	3a 201015 ASAC Minutes.docx
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Presentation:

None

Approvals/Reviews:

Morgan Chegwiddden
Theresa James

Created/Initiated
Final Approval



**City of San Angelo, Texas
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes
October 15, 2020**

Present:

Victor Schulze, Mayoral Representative
Caitlin Wylie, SMD1
Jen Murphy, SMD2
Ryan Smith, SMD4
Carah Dunagan, SMD5
Morgan Chegwidden, SMD6

1. Call to Order/Roll Call to Establish Quorum

With a quorum of the committee members present, Vice-chairperson Carah Dunagan called the regular meeting Animal Shelter Advisory Committee to order at 12:02 p.m. on October 15, 2020 via Zoom livestreamed to the City's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/CityofSanAngelo](https://www.youtube.com/CityofSanAngelo).

2. Special Instructions

Vice-chairperson Dunagan read special instructions for the virtual meeting.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was submitted.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider approving the August 27, 2020 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes.
- b. Consider accepting report of positive rabies specimens

MOTION: Chairperson Smith moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Committee member Schulze. The motion carried unanimously six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for June 2020.
A presentation was made by Neighborhood & Family Services Assistant Director Morgan Chegwidden. No action was taken on this item.
- b. Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for July 2020.
A presentation was made by Neighborhood & Family Services Assistant Director Morgan Chegwidden. No action was taken on this item.
- c. Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for August 2020.

A presentation was made by Neighborhood & Family Services Assistant Director Morgan Chegwiddden. No action was taken on this item.

d. Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for September 2020.

A presentation was made by Neighborhood & Family Services Assistant Director Morgan Chegwiddden. No action was taken on this item.

e. Discussion and possible action related to annual shelter numbers for fiscal year 2019-20.

A presentation was made by Neighborhood & Family Services Assistant Director Morgan Chegwiddden. No action was taken on this item.

f. Consider approving standard operating procedure for returning community cats to field.

A presentation was made by Neighborhood & Family Services Assistant Director Morgan Chegwiddden.

MOTION: Chairperson Smith moved for approval, seconded by Committee member Wylie. The motion carried unanimously six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

6. Follow Up and Administrative Issues

a. Discussion and possible action related to 2021 meeting dates.

MOTION: Chairperson Smith moved for approval, seconded by Committee member Wylie. The motion carried unanimously six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Chairperson Smith moved for adjournment, seconded by committee member Wylie. The motion carried unanimously six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays. The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.



Requestor: Morgan Chegwidden, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services, Neighborhood and Family Services, 325-657-4224

Meeting Date: January 21, 2021

Item type: Regular Item

Caption:

Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for October 2020

Summary/History:

321 new animals arrived in the shelter during October. 54 were adopted, 70 were transferred, 159 were redeemed by their owner and 44 died. There were 400 were left in the shelter at month end.

Our live release rate was 86.63%.

Financial Impact:

N/A

Other Information/Recommendation:

No action necessary at this time.

Attachments:

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| 1. | 4a 210121 ASAC October | 4a 210121 ASAC October.pptx |
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Presentation:

Yes

Approvals/Reviews:

Morgan Chegwidden
Theresa James

Created/Initiated
Final Approval



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October 2020

- 321 new arrivals
- 54 adopted
- 70 transferred
- 159 redeemed by owner
- 44 deceased
- 400 left in shelter
- 86.63% released live



October 2020

- 44 Deceased
 - 28 Cats
 - 10 Dogs
 - 6 Other



October 2020

- 44 Deceased
 - 35 Sick/Injured/Failure to thrive
 - 9 Aggressive/Bite Quarantine



October 2020

- Outcomes by Type
 - 16% Adoptions
 - 48% Return to owner
 - 22% Transfers
 - 13% Deceased





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Requestor: Morgan Chegwidden, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services, Neighborhood and Family Services, 325-657-4224

Meeting Date: January 21, 2021

Item type: Regular Item

Caption:

Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for November 2020

Summary/History:

310 new animals arrived in the shelter during November. 92 were adopted, 54 were rescue transferred, 138 were redeemed by their owner, 26 died and 400 were left in the shelter at month end.

Our live release rate was 91.61%.

Financial Impact:

N/A

Other Information/Recommendation:

No action necessary at this time.

Attachments:

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| 1. | 4b 210121 ASAC November | 4b 210121 ASAC November.pptx |
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Presentation:

Yes

Approvals/Reviews:

Morgan Chegwidden
Theresa James

Created/Initiated
Final Approval



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November 2020

- 310 new arrivals
- 92 adopted
- 54 transferred
- 138 redeemed by owner
- 26 deceased
- 400 left in shelter
- 91.61% released live



November 2020

- 26 Deceased
 - 16 Cats
 - 5 Dogs
 - 5 Other



November 2020

- 26 Deceased
 - 24 Sick/Injured/Failure to thrive
 - 2 Aggressive/Bite Quarantine



November 2020

- Outcomes by Type
 - 23% Adoptions
 - 46% Return to owner
 - 20% Transfers
 - 11% Deceased





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Requestor: Morgan Chegwidden, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services, Neighborhood and Family Services, 325-657-4224

Meeting Date: January 21, 2021

Item type: Regular Item

Caption:

Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers for December 2020

Summary/History:

247 new animals arrived in the shelter during December. 99 were adopted/transferred, 125 were redeemed by their owner, 17 died and 384 were left in the shelter at month end.

Our live release rate was 92.95%.

Financial Impact:

N/A

Other Information/Recommendation:

No action necessary at this time.

Attachments:

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| 1. | 4c 210121 ASAC December | 4c 210121 ASAC December.pptx |
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Presentation:

Yes

Approvals/Reviews:

Morgan Chegwidden
Theresa James

Created/Initiated
Final Approval



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December 2020

- 251 new arrivals
- 39 adopted
- 60 transferred
- 128 redeemed by owner
- 17 deceased
- 404 left in shelter
- 93.03% released live



December 2020

- 17 Deceased
 - 8 Cats
 - 7 Dogs
 - 2 Other



December 2020

- 17 Deceased
 - 13 Sick/Injured/Failure to thrive
 - 4 Aggressive/Bite Quarantine



December 2020

- Outcomes by Type
 - 21% Adoptions
 - 48% Return to owner
 - 21% Transfers
 - 10% Deceased





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Meeting Date: January 21, 2021

Item type: Regular Item

Caption:

Consider recommending approval of a policy limiting service area to city limits only

Summary/History:

This item serves to recommend to City Council to consider limiting animal intake to be within city limits only. City animal services currently accepts stray, owned and bite quarantine pets within Tom Green County. We ask that animals only be allowed into our programming if residing in San Angelo city limits only.

This includes:

- Cat, dog, other and
- Owned, stray, bite quarantine.

To become a No Kill community, we must manage our intake. Although some programs have marginally decreased intake, more work is necessary to achieve a 90% live release rate by 9/30/21.

Past intake diversion:

- Limited service area to Tom Green County only in FY15, decreased intake from 7,800 to 6,200
- Required counseling appointments for owner surrenders in FY19, decreased intake from 5,900 to 4,800

Animal services is constantly full and in need of relief from the high intake of animals. Refusing animals from outside city limits could decrease intake by 10%, or 450 animals annually.

Although a sampling of intake shows 10% of animals come from outside city limits, these animals are disproportionately represented in our long stay dogs (18%) and sick cats (50% of deaths in August 2020).

FY20 intake was 4,560, 2.7 times best practices. Uncontrolled intake is unmanageable for staff and programming. We do not have sufficient resources to provide a live release for these animals.

American Pets Alive!, a data driven methodology to save more pets faster, recommends taking in 14 animals per 1,000 residents. For an estimated census population of 105,000 we should aim for 1,470 animals annually. Although we don't expect San Angelo intake to ever be that low, a goal of 2,900 animals taken in annually would offer much relief.

Currently no statute, ordinance or interlocal agreement requires the intake of animals outside city limits.

In addition to this proposal, we'll soon consider further reducing intake such as:

- Healthy community cats,
- Estray livestock, and
- Wildlife.

Financial Impact:

Unknown

Other Information/Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval. Final approval by City Council is necessary.

Attachments:

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| 1. | 4d 210121 ASAC Service Area | 4d 210121 ASAC Service Area.pptx |
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Presentation:

Yes

Approvals/Reviews:

Morgan Chegwidden	Created/Initiated
Bob Salas	Approved
Theresa James	Final Approval



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Intake diversion

- Propose reducing service area
- Limit service area to city limits only
- Become No Kill this year
- Intake exceeds space and resources
- Need to manage intake
- One option to implement
 - Other options at future meetings



Intake diversion

- American Pets Alive! Best Practices
 - 14 animals per 1,000 residents
 - 105,000 est. population
 - 1,470 recommended annual intake
 - 4,560 FY20 annual intake
 - 2.7 times best practices



Intake diversion

- Historically accepted from Concho Valley
- 13 county region
- Intake exceeded 8,000 animals
- Live release rate less than 30%
- Limited to Tom Green County only FY15



Intake diversion

- Currently accept from Tom Green County
 - Stray
 - Owned
 - Bite Quarantine
 - Cats, Dogs, Other
- No statute or agreement requires the intake of animals outside city limits



Intake diversion

- Propose accepting from city limits only
 - Stray
 - Owned
 - Bite Quarantine
 - Cats, Dogs, Other



Intake diversion

- Sampling of highest & lowest volume months show 10% of animals come from outside city limits
- Disproportionately represented
 - Long stay dogs – 18%
 - Sick cats – 50% of deaths in August 2020



Intake diversion

- FY13 8,873
- FY14 7,825
- FY15 6,244*
- FY16 6,029
- FY17 4,857
- FY18 5,915
- FY19 4,883*
- FY20 4,560
- FY21 3,900*
- FY22 2,900*



Intake diversion

- FY15
 - Adopted new policy
 - Serve Tom Green County only
 - No longer serve 13 county region
 - From 7,800 to 6,000



Intake diversion

- FY19
 - Adopted new policy
 - Required counseling for owner surrenders
 - From 5,900 to 4,800





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Intake diversion

- Peer cities
 - Abilene – accepts Taylor County bite quarantine only
 - Midland – accepts stray/owned Midland County when space allows
 - Odessa – no response



Intake diversion

- Formerly served communities
 - Sterling
 - Sterling County Sheriff's Office field services
 - Coke
 - City of Winters Animal Control field services & shelter
 - Runnels
 - City of Ballinger Animal Control field services & 501c3 humane society



Intake diversion

- Formerly served communities
 - Concho
 - City of Eden Animal Control field services
 - Irion
 - City of Mertzon Animal Control field services
 - Schleicher
 - Schleicher County Sheriff's Office field services





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