

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
ANIMAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Animal Services committee meeting was called to order by Chair Walls at 4:00 p.m. on September 22, 2021 via Zoom Webinar.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Becca Walls, Vice Chair Jay Litvak, Committee Members Linda Kwoun, Angela Minjares, and Steve Parker

ABSENT: Committee Members Diana Gardiner, Alyssa McKay, and Alternate Committee Member Andrea Pike

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Torrejon, Recreation Coordinator; Tracy Habiger, Assistant Recreation Supervisor

3. **PRESENTATION**

1. Animal Care Services Statistics

Ms. Torrejon presented the Animal Care Services monthly animal statistics for July and August.

Chair Walls inquired about the transferred animals to other outside animal rescue groups.

Ms. Torrejon informed the committee that three ducks were transferred to a duck rescue sanctuary.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 28, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Walls asked if the Committee had any questions or comments before approving the minutes.

Ms. Fautua opened this item for public comment.

Seeing no hands raised, public comment was closed.

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair Litvak motioned to approve the July 28, 2021 meeting minutes./Second by Committee Member Parker. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Walls, Vice Chair Litvak, Committee Members Kwoun, Minjares, and Parker

Nays: None

Absent: Committee Members Gardiner and McKay

Motion Carries: 5-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Fautua opened Public Comments.

Seeing no hands raised, Ms. Fautua closed Public Comments.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

Committee Member Kwoun commented on the animal ages notated at Priceless Pet Rescue and asked who to contact about age accuracy.

Vice Chair Litvak responded that determining an animal's age is difficult and can be estimated by surveying the animal's teeth.

Recreation Supervisor, Ashley Thomas suggested reaching out to Priceless Pet Rescue regarding animal age concerns.

7. LIAISONS & STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Torrejon provided an update on the recent Animal Care Services meeting with Animal Control and the stray cat impound procedures.

Ms. Habiger shared that the Parks & Community Services Department is holding a Recruitment Event in October and would be emailing the flyer to the Committee to share within their networks.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a) TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Program Research
Working Group Update

Committee Member Kwoun stated the working group was continuing to contact other cities to update their information.

b) Community Education
Working Group Update

Committee Member Kwoun spoke about having new educational documents available at Barktoberfest and commented on articles for *The Scoop* newsletter.

c) Events
Working Group Update

Vice Chair Litvak spoke about the planned activities occurring at the upcoming Barktoberfest event on October 23.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. FINAL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walls adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 24, 2021, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom Webinar