

**Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board
Meeting-January 14, 2021
Via Teleconference**

**Minutes for Approval
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Board Members in Teleconference

Michael McNutt, Coleen Rene Bray, Terry Allen Rowlett, Dr. Mark Smith, Elbert Bennett, Bonnie Enlow, Douglas Johnson, Aaron Goodpaster, Misti Drew, Sara Beth Guffey

Board Members Absent

Brad Rainwater, Dustin Embry

Department of Agriculture Staff Present

Clint Quarles, Michael Grant

Welcome & Call to Order

Michael Grant called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and welcomed those online. Guests were requested to introduce themselves. Todd Blevins the state director of The Humane Society introduced himself.

Media Notification

Michael Grant confirmed the media was notified about the meeting.

Roll Call

Roll Call was held and a quorum was present.

Approval of the October 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from meeting were approved after making a change in the attendance list.

Old Business

Michael Grant reported that the new State Veterinarian was Dr. Katie Flynn. He also stated that all the funding for the 2021 Spay/Neuter grants will be arriving in the counties shortly. Taylor County had informed Michael they had decided to decline the grant. Michael reported that the 2020 Spay/Neuter grant agreements were due at the end of January 2021. Several counties had asked for time extensions on their agreements to June 30, 2021.

New Business

Clint Quarles reported that the KDA as well as much of state government continues to work through telecommuting. Also, during the Pandemic there has been an uptick in the adoption of animal shelter pets. In addition, there is a link on the Animal Control Advisory Board website specifying animal shelter requirements in Kentucky. Clint pointed out that state board per diems are set by stature and are not available to board attendance through teleconference. Money normally used for member per diems is retained by the Board. Clint also posited that teleconference state board meetings might be the norm for future required meetings. Elbert Bennet said he preferred meeting via teleconference. Clint also suggested spotlighting county animal shelter issues and achievements. Coleen Rene Bray agreed.

Misti Drew suggested partnering with animal shelters around Kentucky to advertise the importance of Spay/Neuter license plates. In the past, Spay/Neuter posters were sent to county clerk offices. It was suggested they might be better placed in animal shelters around the state. Misti pointed out that local veterinarians could mention partnerships promoting the spaying and neutering of pets. Misti suggested promoting more financial matches for animal shelter funding. She asked with matches for grants for animal shelters had to be from public or private sources. Clint Quarles said the money could be either public or private.

Finally, Clint Quarles and Michael Grant committed to updating the directory of state animal shelters which could also advertise the Spay/Neuter plates.

Adjournment

Having no further business to come before the Board the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approval

Signature

Date