

Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board
Meeting- May 30, 2024
ZOOM Meeting

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Board Members in Attendance

Coleen Bray, Blake Durrett, Bonnie Enlow, Linda Grimes, Obrey Gritton, Doug Johnson, Michael McNutt, Julia Springsteen

Board Members Absent

Mary Kordes, Eddie Melton, Brad Rainwater, Consuela Reinhardt

Department of Agriculture Staff Present

Clint Quarles, Michael Grant, Michelle Shane

Welcome & Call to Order

Michael Grant called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and welcomed those present. Guests were requested to introduce themselves. Todd Blevins of the Humane Society and Debra Hamelback of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association introduced themselves to Board members.

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 June 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the meeting were reviewed and were approved contingent upon corrections.

Old Business

Michael Grant reported on the Spay/Neuter Grant Reports received so far by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for the 2022 Grants.

New Business

Discussion began on the criteria used to award Spay/Neuter grant funding to County Fiscal Courts and to municipalities. The Board then approved grant funding of \$74, 930 to 65 county and town governments. The average award was \$1,212.

There was an extensive discussion concerning how to increase the sale of Spay/Neuter license plates. Funding from these sales supports the Spay/Neuter grant funding to Kentucky counties and municipalities. Suggestions ranged from the KDA and the Kentucky Animal Care & Control Association promoting the plates to a redesign of the plates

Michelle Shane, executive director for the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE), reported on proposed changes to the administrative regulations governing KBVE-certified animal control agencies and animal euthanasia specialists. These restrictions primarily clarify that wildlife should be handled in accordance with rules promulgated by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). Other regulatory changes stipulate that spay/neuter procedures must take place in a KBVE-registered veterinarian facility and that all facilities must be registered with the KBVE by June 30, 2025. The ACAB and members of the public may send comments on the proposed regulations to KBVE at Vet@ky.gov or posted to KBVE, 107 Corporate Drive, Second Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Ms. Shane asked for information about spay/neuter fees charged by veterinarians. She also recommended the formation of a working group with members from the ACAB and KBVE to discuss these issues.

Adjournment

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

Approval

Signature

Date