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AC&C Board Meeting
April 23, 2014
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board members and officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Elaine Keane, Director
Louise Cohen, Director
Chief Scott Loos, Director
Dan Kass, Director
Risa Weinstock, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:33AM.
Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Kuhlman made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Chief Loos. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Executive Director Report

Risa Weinstock thanked everyone for supporting AC&C and recognized the AC&C staff in attendance. She also expressed thanks to all volunteers, donors, fosters and new hope partners and noted AC&C's appreciation for their contribution. Risa stated that it was kitten season and encouraged everyone to adopt or foster a kitten.

Data for the 1st 3 months of the calendar year was presented. An overview of operations to improve the data was presented including strategic plans to reduce animal inflow; improve infection control through best practices; expand capability to place animals; improve external orientation and reputation; improve fundraising capabilities and improve branding.

AC&C Mobile Adoption Vehicle Launch was held on February 9th at Union Square Park. AC&C intends to hold multiple adoption events through all five boroughs. The mobile adoption center is scheduled through June.

Adopt 🐾 Volunteer 🐾 Donate

Medical Report

Dr. Lisa Levin, Medical Director gave a brief intro about herself and her role at AC&C since she began on January 2, 2014. Dr. Levin outlined the status and direction of the medical department noting the importance of providing and maintaining an outstanding level of veterinary medical care. She intends to provide continuing education at all levels. Some of her initial plans include emphasis on animal comfort, reduction of disease levels and increasing the live release rate. Other areas of progress will involve developing a partnership with area veterinarians to provide lower cost services to New Hope Partners, evaluating medical purchasing options and developing a teaching program in shelter medicine.

During the first quarter of 2014, Dr. Levin conducted weekly in-shelter meetings with AC&C veterinarians and medical staff; set and reinforced standards of care; evaluated monthly morbidity and mortality with the medical department and senior management; created an LVT quality assurance position; and conducted lecture series for non-medical staff.

Dr. Levin reminded everyone that she is committed to exploring additional ways to educate and communicate with the public.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from 11:48am.

There being no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15pm.