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AC&C Board Meeting
September 4, 2014
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board members and officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Yonaton Aronoff, Director
Elaine Keane, Director
Dan Kass, Director
Risa Weinstock, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:38AM.
Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that the NYPD representative recently retired and will be replaced shortly.

Approval of Minutes

Yonaton Aronoff moved to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting, seconded by Dr. Kuhlman. The minutes were approved.

Operations Report

Executive Director, Risa Weinstock thanked the public for attending and for their support, and thanked volunteers and New Hope Partners. She also recognized the AC&C staff in attendance and acknowledged their continued hard work.

The presentation focused on fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 –June 30, 2014). There was an increase in live intakes by 8% in comparison to FY 2013 due to an increase in owner surrendered animals. Outcomes increased as a result of New Hope partners placing more animals and an addition of 32 New Hope Partners in FY 2014.

Euthanasia decreased despite an increase in owner surrendered animals. Public adoptions improved over the last fiscal year by over 15%. The goal is to maintain this trend by creating greater awareness of public adoptions and undertaking additional outreach. The report focused next on some of the challenges AC&C faces and the strategies in place to help alleviate these challenges. Some of the challenges include the inflow of kittens

during kitten season, an increase in owner surrendered animals, and the fact that pitbulls are the most frequently surrendered dogs.

Next, Aurora Piacentino, Senior Manager, Shelter Operations presented AC&C's newly created Admissions program, which was launched on July 1, 2014. The Department is designed to provide personalized service to each customer who is bringing an animal to AC&C for any reason. The department's goal is to provide referral services, information and alternative resources to consider before surrendering an animal to AC&C. Since the program was launched, over 300 animals were deferred or diverted from entering the Care Centers, more than double the initial goal. The Admissions Department is also responsible for taking an animal's photograph on intake, using high quality photo equipment donated by HeartSpeak. This has resulted in a marked improvement in the quality of intake photos.

Finally, the report concluded with various strategies to help raise awareness of AC&C, to increase adoptions and the Foster Program, and to educate the public through the services its Call Center and Field Operations provide.

Medical Report

Dr. Lisa Levin, Medical Director, presented a report based on her first 6 months at AC&C. She discussed disease concerns and various methods of controlling these diseases. Dr. Levin noted the significant addition of a Canine Influenza Vaccine to the existing dog vaccination protocol. She also noted collaborative efforts between Medical and Operations that will help improve animal welfare.

Public Comments

Public comment was heard from 11:54 am.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10pm.