

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Parks & Community Services Administration Building
2601 East Sunset Road, Administration Conference Room
Las Vegas, Nevada 89120
August 17, 2004
6:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: HENDERSON, DAVID
HOFF, KARIN
HORN, KENNETH
KRISKO, SUSAN
ROGERS, TODD

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. SUSAN KRISKO noted three letters to be added into the record.

2. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.

3. Approval of July 14, 2004 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded.

4. Proposed Litter Permit Ordinance

SUSAN KRISKO opened the discussion. KEN HORN – a lot of the things covered with pet fancier's permit. The way pet dog fanciers reads up to 6 dogs for purpose of showing, s/n, or combination. If you do not keep more than 3 dogs or cats, there is no mention of spay or neuter. Nothing is controlling it. With fanciers you have to prove you are showing and you are paying a fee when there are people out there with 3 dogs who don't care about neutering. Current change needs to state that anyone residing in state for a certain amount of time is allowed up to 3 altered dogs. If any are unaltered, they must apply for fancier permit, annual inspection, and if breeding a new inspection must be done. The prior inspection may curtail some mixed or accidental breeding. At last meeting we decided fee paid once puppies hit the ground cause responsible breeders don't want to be out that money. Problems in shelters are mix breeds, if pure breeds are in shelters; they have a lot of temperament problems. Strengthen laws in that area. Pet fanciers should be more toward backyard breeders. He would like to create show fanciers permit which allow up to 9 dogs, with no more than 6 unaltered, allowing them to keep dogs that have been retired or too young with an inspection to insure actual showing. If breeding a bitch, contact Animal Control to inform. Owner has 20 days from birth to apply for permit. When not breeding subject to \$25 or \$40 for show fancier. Puppies not allowed to be sold until at least 8 weeks of age. Puppies need to be socialized and learn between 2 and 12 weeks of age. This will make it more expensive for backyard breeders and solve a lot of the problems. Cats have to be separated from dogs. Cats cannot follow a leash law. There should be an ordinance that if you are not

showing cats, it needs to be spayed or neutered and chipped so as to identify owner. Focus needs to be on controlling population by mandatory spay and neuter. If you have 1 unaltered dog you can fall under pet fancier. We need to use fancier as a potential breeder. SUSAN KRISKO - 6 dogs is if shown and unaltered and if not shown, they must be spayed or neutered. Can strengthen ordinance. KEN HORN - Once retired too old to spay or neuter or sign an agreement not to breed. 9 dogs for show breeders for 3 altered dogs – most breeders don't have 6 unaltered dogs that are showing. Dogs have to be intact to show. SUSAN KRISKO – how will you define show dogs? KEN HORN – application and when Animal Control comes to inspect they will know if they are a show breeder or backyard. Most show people have clean environments; you can see ribbons on wall. KARIN HOFF – what was rationale for 6 animals? JOE BOTEILHO – It was put into effect before he got into it. Fancier you can have 6 dogs in a regular neighborhood, more than 6 you have to have a kennel license to protect neighbors. M1 zoning – light manufacturing for more than 6 dogs. Loophole is you are allowed to have 6 dogs over 1 year and unlimited puppies up to one year. Title 30 looks at household pets and gets into more intensive use. If no fancier permit or exceed 6, zoning will have to take a look at it. KEN HORN - anyone can get a fancier and have 6 dogs. Showing is for the betterment of breed. Fancier doesn't say if not shown must be altered. KARIN - Are we changing the fancier ordinance or the permit ordinance? KEN wants to control backyard puppy mills. Most of the people in this category would not qualify for a show fancier so get prior inspection. Whenever breeding pay up front and Animal Control will go down and see dogs ending up back in shelters and euthanized. Pet show fancier permit would allow owners not to have to pay fee for breeding until it hits the ground. Most of those dogs are sold out of state, careful about genetic lines. Backyard breeders don't think about diseases or genetics. He is trying to separate show breeders and pet fanciers to accommodate two separate categories. Inspection required ahead of time with guidelines to control show fancier and have inspection once puppies hit the ground. Reputable people have 20 days to call Animal Control to come out. SUSAN KRISKO – what you proposed is changing fancier to 2 basic categories. Pet fancier the same and then show fancier but having it revolve around inspections and number of dogs. Not talking about litter permit. KEN HORN -Cat or dog needs to be over the age of 8 weeks before sold. Mandatory spay/neuter for cats. SUSAN KRISKO this applies to cats as well. The intent is to maximize enforcement options. KARIN HOFF- we need options for legitimate breeders and options for code enforcement officers. TODD ROGERS - we have to make sure we draft an ordinance that Clark County can stand behind and easily understand. Don't want it to be complicated.

KATHY MARTIN - Ken mentioned change in quantity of dogs. Six dogs for a breeder is difficult. Are you aware of what breeders do to try to protect breeds and how they run their own rescues, have them sign contracts saying puppies to come back to them? We take care of our own. We don't have dogs go back out for you to take care of, worry about or put to sleep. SUSAN KRISKO - we have had these discussions for the last couple of months. This is not to get reputable breeders out of business. We have had people come in here talking about the number of animals being euthanized in this valley each year. There are a number of people who don't have animals spayed and neutered, are offered it for free and won't get up in the morning to give their animal over to get them fixed. KATHY - but you are going after those who are taking care of their animals. KARIN – this ordinance was drafted to address a specific problem with a specific group of people. We encouraged breeders to come in and make this acceptable to them. We are not going after legitimate breeders to try to inhibit the activity of those who already take care of their animals. We know it will not solve all problems but it is intended to solve a small problem and one that in the opinion of code enforcement and lawyers dealing with prosecution, it could help. KATHY - go after pet shops.

STEVE SCHORR has been involved in dog community in Clark County for 27 years and

understands and truly respects the position the board is in in trying to control amount of animals euthanized in this community. It is a very tough challenge but what you are attempting to do will have little, if any, impact. It is the back yard breeders and individuals of this community who do not abide by any laws that will continue to ignore the laws. They cannot control the backyard breeders now. The law that says newspapers cannot take ads without permits will not be enforced because it infringes on free speech. Has worked with shelters and programs trying to help the situation but passing unenforceable laws upon those who will do what they want when they want makes no sense. If you are seeking to raise funds, you will do that. If you want to give ammunition to control feral and backyard breeders, this will not help. They will turn animals loose in Southern Nevada rather than pay money.

HOLLY SCHORR - we have been in Vegas for 27 years and are visible and involved in dog community, breeding and showing. Unfortunately she remembers where the 6 dogs came from. It was originally proposed to give show people a venue to show and keep dogs. However, when it was passed, the BCC refused to make it as specific as KEN has proposed to make it a show fancier's license. There are so many holes and options for back yard breeders. We have in this room people who are noted dog enthusiasts. We have judges, breeders and a fine community that police our own. We are not the problem but we are the ones that bear the brunt.

SUSAN KRISKO – what about the litter ordinance is a problem for a reputable breeder. HOLLY – not being able to advertise w/o permit – she is behind it but it is totally unenforceable - newspapers will not do it. Not a reputable breeder who has put an ad in the paper. Wouldn't think of it. She would love to outlaw the sale of all live animals in newspaper but you can't do it. Ken brought up show fanciers but there has to be strong criteria. This is not something taken lightly. If we could get licensed, why be assessed the penalty. Don't care about the \$125. It doesn't make a difference. We don't make money. You lose money every time. We are still being assessed \$125 a litter. If I can prove I have everything to take care of the animals, why are they taxing me? The guy down the street breeding Sally's dog to Harry's dog is not going to pay. He will turn them in the street. We pick up dogs all the time. Have a network in the community. She can prove amount of money and time spent to rescue effort in this town. If she can prove, why be assessed \$125 per litter. TODD – is that all you are against. HOLLY – yes, she would love to have the newspapers agree to that but don't think you can put unenforceable laws on the books. She knows all the Animal Control staff are overworked and understaffed and there is no way to enforce.

JUDY DONIERE has been a breeder for 49 years, an AKC judge of 5 groups, while talking about show breeders, so many of new upstart kennel clubs. Can pay \$10 and say I show my dog at Podunk kennel club. AKC or UKC are only reputable ones. They can get papers for schnoodles. Laws are not enforceable. Staff cannot go around and do it. How many people can come out to inspect every one's house? The other people are not going to abide by the law. They will breed and continue to breed and unless next-door neighbor turns in you won't know. They will end up in Animal Control, loose on the street, sell puppies on the back of their truck. It will hurt us.

PATRICK DAY would like to see more focus placed on backyard breeders, puppy mills and pet shops. A requirement should be proof of spay or neuter for any animal sold. It will get passed on to consumer. Has been in this 4 years. The guys that are breeding their pit bulls to their homies down the street, you will not see. People breeding in Nye County and selling in pet shops here are the problem. People have no concept of what it is to care for an animal responsibly. You will never see people who aren't going to worry about that cause they are back in the boondocks in Sandy Valley. The reputable breeder breeding AKC registered dogs want to comply. It is an embarrassment if we are caught doing something stupid. If nothing else we get talked about in

our breed web pages for months.

JUDITH RUIZ, if we were to pass this ordinance, this would make you people look good. Your animals would be more valuable. 24,000 or 25,000 animals put to death each year. How do you feel about that? How you can say it won't work. It has to work. Anyone who opposes trying to get some control of some of the animals being bred is part of the problem. This is a community problem and the entire community has to solve it. Suggests you go down to the pound and see them putting to death the puppies and kittens. As far as purebred, national figure is 30 percent are purebred. Why should we honor them and still kill 25,000 animals a year.

TAMMY HORN - If the ordinance passes, the RJ will put a column for unlicensed and licensed breeders. If they see two separate columns most likely they will go to the licensed ones. Also if unlicensed, they will put it is against law not to have a license.

MYRA GLASSMAN thinks people who are breeding and showing responsibly do a great job of self-regulation. Animal Control is short staffed and we are not trying to impose extra regulations on you. As far as number of dogs, not really animal control but zoning issue. With enforcement, we are trying to get more animals spayed and neutered and this is a way to provide the carrot and stick so when Heaven Can Wait offers free spay/neuter and they don't want to get out of bed, Heaven Can Wait can say if you don't get your animal fixed, it will cost you \$250 or whatever the fee is. Not looking to impose on reputable breeders. Trying to give rescue groups a stick for reluctant people in trailer parks. Thinks proposed ordinance gives something they can threaten. We are trying to get more animals spayed /neutered. Whether puppy mill, backyard breeders, schnoodle breeder. We want to stop those who breed without knowing what they are doing. These are the folks we want to stop. We are asking for your help to draft a better ordinance not to cause trouble for you.

ANDREA LATHAM understands what they are saying and what you guys are saying. She has been to the pound and seen 150 animals in a day put to sleep. It is sad. As far as enforcement, it is a joke. You need to educate your neighbors. Pet stores must pay something. We are stable, economic people. We own our homes. We stand by what we breed and none of us has refused to take back a puppy. These people here take care of their pets. These laws are not going to work. They are not enforceable. They will keep moving to different houses; go after people that are really putting dogs out there to an uneducated public. Wrong group you are going after. Start at pet stores. SUSAN KRISKO – minimum standard 10.30.010 for pet stores. KARIN HOFF is hearing you are not opposed to intent but want us to do more. STEVE SCHORR - we want something that is enforceable.

KEN WRONSKI has been a resident of Clark County for 35 years, has been breeding and showing dogs for 14 years and bred 12 to 14 champions. Focus with ordinance is incorrect it does go after us - the people who are doing things right. We educate the people who get their dogs. We check out facility, check up on them and then let them have dogs. They need to be educated when they get an animal. As far as euthanized, we have seen it; we have rescued dogs so you don't have to euthanize it. Has put ads in the people for the rescued dog. He does not agree with the \$125 fee. There has to be a distinction made. There is a difference between reputable breeder and the backyard breeders. We should not have to pay that. We are not the problem. We know where our dogs are. Some of us are very involved in rescue. Going after the wrong people. Puppies don't go until they are 12 weeks or age. Educate public.

KARIN LAYNE works with Las Vegas Valley Humane Society and is happy to hear breeders do rescue their own although there are many calls in the day for animals and when they call the

breeders, the response is we have too many right now, you will have to find a foster home for the animal. Has attended these meetings a long time. Some years ago we tried to get a mandatory spay and neuter and it was the breeders who fought the ordinance. Would hope at this time as we are putting down 25,000 animals a year and as someone who goes out every day and they are not all mix breed, some are pure breed. If you have problem, let's come to a resolution on this ordinance. Let's try to deal with this to deal with animal overpopulation and find a solution. MICHELE BEDOWITZ has a question as far as everyone stating it is unenforceable, how do you plan on doing this. SUSAN KRISKO – It will happen. People doing the right thing will call. Neighbors will call. We are hoping rescue groups will be able to use as tool to knock on doors and say this mobile home park has 400 cats; we want to take your 6 and spay/neuter. When told about law or fine and inspection, they will have something to say. Let us spay/neuter, we won't call Animal Control. KARIN HOFF – rescues say that would be helpful. MICHELE – breeders are selling to pet shops. Are you going to them? Will you find these people and make this work. Doesn't sound as if you have done homework. Not proving that you have any way of making it work except for our help. SUSAN KRISKO – that is the way most things get enforced. Someone in neighborhood calls. TODD ROGERS – this is our 3rd meeting and it has been rewritten every month. Breeders are against the \$125 fee. Previous weeks we heard that money is nothing if you can use as a tool, then so be it. Now there is a lot of opposition. How do we not beat up the legitimate people and make it easier to convince lawbreakers to comply? Do not want to punish reputable people. \$125 amount came up with might be enough. Our hope was it would eliminate some.

HOLLY SCHORR - Is there an attorney in the room? Can you say in the State of NV all dogs must be microchipped, spayed or neutered unless owned by a licensed show exhibited/breeder? Is that enforceable? Then make fees for violation \$5,000. With county, we (SUSAN KRISKO) have limitations. Misdemeanors can only be \$1,000. Civil penalties can only be \$500. Everyone here seems to think that AKC makes everyone reputable. There are some people with AKC dogs that are not reputable breeders. We already have a law that says if you have so many dogs over 3 you need a fanciers permit. What we proposed is to make a potential breeder pay same amount as a fancier, the \$125 is only for a litter. If you have over 3 dogs you should have a fancier, which is the same amount of money for a potential breeder. That \$125 is only for litter. HOLLY SCHORR – can that law be passed? Every dog and cat must be microchipped and if not having an exhibiter permit, you must spay/neuter? She will go to Brian Greenspun and pay herself to get it in the newspaper. STEVE SCHORR will also go to county and testify at county any way he can to get enough enforcement officers so Joe and staff can do job they want to do. He has volunteered his company in past and will continue to publicize at no cost the educational efforts to inform this community. We are here to help we want an enforceable law.

KEN SONDEJ – If reliable breeder, want to get money and if not get in advance. Will not fly it is unconstitutional. If breeder pay \$125 for bitch and does not get pregnant, that \$125 can stay with that bitch until she drops a litter.

MIKE CONNELL on fancier permit, money throwing around is not fair. Add show person being inspected by Animal Control, if they can show a monetary loss by having litter, \$125 fee would be null. Does this also apply to pet stores? SUSAN KRISKO – pet stores have an ordinance they have to follow. MIKE my dogs probably have more room.

JOE BOTEILHO – pet shop ordinance is the toughest standard in US. We do at least 2 unannounced inspections year. If we get a complaint, we do pet lemon law, time frame given in code. End up working with pet shop to see they make refund or whatever citizen wants. Most shops in Clark County are meeting a pretty high standard or move on.

GREG WALLEN, currently assigned to Pet Shop inspection detail, discussion of pet shops in this particular evaluation of the ordinance muddies the situation, as it is apples and oranges. Any person who sells dogs to a pet shop has to have a federal license. Some exceptions but must have federal license in addition to county. Can't find puppies in pet shops, mother with young cannot be transported in commerce until it is at least 8 weeks and 1 day old.

JUDY DONIERE knows most all rescue units have a spay/neuter program. Can you enforce and have a mandatory law for pet shops to spay/neuter before they sell a puppy. SUSAN KRISKO – it is not an item on this list and we are talking about people sitting at home with 2 or 3 dogs sitting at home and breeding. JUDY – they have to get it from somewhere - friend down the street, pet shops.

DIANNE ORGILL, Director of Lied Animal Shelter, City of Las Vegas has an ordinance that says anyone who tries to sell must have a license. Newspapers are not too cooperative about enforcing. Part of the problem is they are not the same ordinance. Microchipping is a fantastic idea. When we call, they go back to a puppy mill in the Midwest and call the puppy store it was sold to and they don't have a clue. Registration of County with people who are reputable, we know they chip and are reputable; all the other people are not even purposeful breedings, accidental breedings, brought to the shelter if they cannot sell in newspaper. Maybe reputable people can be registered on some list and the ordinance can say they are an exception to these rules. People register as whatever breeders and isolate people who do a good job

MELISSA SKAFLESTAD, what constitutes a litter? SUSAN KRISKO – any offspring. MELISSA professionally shows and show grooms dogs. There must be education for people. Is there something given to people who buy the dogs. Not by the regular breeders.

CHRIS OWEN was being considered as owner of dog and unbeknownst to him, woman's husband released pack of animals from the kennel and the animals came roaring up at him. He got down and barked back and he got his dog. He had to prove he was capable and able to deal with the dogs. Owns 3 dogs, 2 intact. He is not a breeder. He owns stud dogs. Breeders contact him. No distinction under that clause that he is not a breeder. SUSAN KRISKO - the whole idea is that there are a lot of people who have animals who are not fixed. We can name this anything we want. The idea of an intact animal is an animal that could at any time reproduce. You have to deal with reality. CHRIS - If someone wants to breed with his dog, he goes back to the breeder in Canada with the lineage before he agrees. In section 3, anyone allowing a litter to be produced, what you are telling me is if I did allow my dog to breed with a dog in Clark County, you are getting \$250.

LORI DIAMONT, when she has a litter she is committed to the litter as a breeder. She has been breeding for 10 years and had 3 litters total. Her puppies go to vet more than every 15 days. They are there 5 minutes after they are born and probably every day after that. They are microchipped, registered to the owner and her. If C-section is necessary, it is a minimum of \$800. She is not making anything. Because her breed has a particular kind of grooming, she grooms free for a year so she knows puppy is in good hands and good health. Travels to CA to groom puppies she has down there. Why should she be penalized? #1 Westie in the nation - so why should she be penalized. None of her dogs have ever been in a pound or run loose. SUSAN KRISKO – why is it you say \$125 is not a big deal, and see it as a penalty when what we have talked about is trying to get the number of 26,000 animals down. Education would be great. You guys are out there educating and we still have over 26,000 animals a year being euthanized, we still need something to deal with those people who are not responsible. Why is this seen as such a penalty? LORI –

you are not going to get the pitbull or backyard breeders. If you take our information and instead of fining us, have us present to you, I had this litter, sold to this home. These 3 are limited registrations. If I show you papers and they are microchipped and in the home, why do I have to pay? You are trying to nail us when we are doing above and beyond our duty.

KEN HORN – Because you hold show fanciers permit maybe not have a fee. Maybe they can be exempt because of the type of investment they make. If they meet show fanciers permit, and pass inspection, then no fee, you are not breeding back-to-back puppies.

TODD ROGERS – spay/neuter law started out that way. Breeders said no. Then say why should I pay for a breeder when I just want intact to show. We are trying to accommodate and still get beat up.

DAVID HENDERSON sees lots of pit bulls and breeders and he has a captive audience. He gets on his soapbox and rants and raves. The number one animal euthanized and dropped off at shelter is a pit. Doesn't matter they are going to do it. But if I tell them it will cost \$125 or I will turn them into Animal Control, they will get animal spayed/neutered.

KARIN HOFF - we appreciate what reputable breeders do. We are talking about exception for those who do good jobs. So you are asking Animal Control to spend more money for more in depth inspection. What would you be willing to pay to be treated just like bad people? We want cooperation.

SUSAN KRISKO – come back next time with something concrete so we have something to work with.

HAROLD VASCO, Heaven Can Wait's goal is getting the 24,000 destroyed every year down to zero. Have 4 spay/neuter programs, one of which is Ground Zero, and we go to depressed area and if you go there, the first dog we did was a chow mix, and this dog had had so many litters that everyone in the mobile home park had the same looking dog. Did 113 dogs. He respects the breeder but he feels targeting the people who are causing the problem would make sense. Came to the board and came up with this plan and then you come and say we need to educate. He is out there every day. Will probably spay/neuter 3,000 this year and with other groups 10,000 animals. You guys save animals and still 24,000 are dying. This law is not as hard to pass as mandatory spay/neuter. That would be unenforceable. What do we do? Let's come up with something.

BRUCE HALSTEAD, Animal Control officer said he was a former FDA officer yet he has gone to pet stores and seen animals that are not even 4 or 5 weeks old. He has been contacted by pet stores and asked for dogs younger than 6 weeks. How come service animals for handicapped or disabled are not exempt. Ones that were intact were the ones that were alert. SUSAN KRISKO – no one brought it up. Having worked with Animal Control and with prosecutors in town, there is a huge misunderstanding - in Clark County they are under this, but if in CLV or NLV it is different. Animal Control has spent a lot of time prosecuting pet stores.

LORI DIAMONT, puppies from puppy mills have to be bought by 4 weeks to get to pet store by 6 to 7 weeks.

RICK MENTINJ - problem is most of us here wouldn't be around animals if we didn't care. He has one dog and is into show dogs. As far as breeding, there are too many people telling everyone what to do. SUSAN KRISKO - as a taxpayer I am against killing 26,000 animals each year. RICK - we are not the problem. It is the pet stores. Let the pet stores sell altered dogs.

DIXIE EIGENGRUCH sees a big problem with chipped animals coming into shelter being tracked back to puppy mills. Knows 2 dogs come out of puppy mills and have Campylobacter and giardia. It is a big problem. Doesn't sell puppies unless it is on a spay/neuter contract.

AUDREY MOUCK - tests done on dogs are expensive. Hips, eyes, regular check ups, etc. goes on and on. Some have a lot of money and some barely get by. She has a limited income and cannot spare the money. These expenses go on and AKC and litter registrations have gone up. When I sell puppy, people have to spay/neuter puppy and show proof. Has never had a dog in the pound and has been here over 40 years.

JOE BOTEILHO –being the ones who do the enforcement we can solve this with a fancier permit being required to have litters. Require microchip for all animals on permit and define dog breeding standards with return and take back policy, microchipping and listing of new pet owners. When you breed, when you sell, when you give away, when not in compliance, civil penalty \$500, citation with ability to waive if done within 30 days and penalty going into fund to sterilize. Fancier can be rolled into \$25 fee for a litter. Handicap fee should be exempt. Go out give civil penalty, compromise. Dog breeding standards should come from the community. At the next meeting JOE BOTEILHO will bring something in writing that he is proposing and standards from community. KEN HORN representing breeders will come with a list that they think is doable.

JANET WILLIAMS is trying to get into showing and buying a dog and would like rules as to what needs to be done.

ANDREA LATHAM - Heaven Can Wait is a great company. Give me some cards. Why aren't they advertised? Harold targets certain zip codes. If they are in your zip code, maybe pet stores could send to you.

Be back on next agenda for discussion

5. Animal Control Officer Review Board

The union wanted to talk about what the obligations were. JIM HOLT wanted to know what the idea was behind forming committee. SUSAN KRISKO – was put on for information gathering. There (JIM) was a suggestion at the meeting. The idea could be that the citizen gets a call and says we investigated it. Was basically information gathering.

6. Animals Found in a Vehicle in the heat

Animal Control removes animal from the vehicle using whatever means is necessary, whether it is breaking a window or unlocking the door and take a look at animal for medical assessment. Take the temperature and a photograph and when arrives at vet, take a temperature and assess animal. If animal not comatose or passed out temp will be 103 or 104. Citizen should be careful in damaging property. Contact Animal Control or police and if you can get animal out of vehicle be careful.

STEVE SCHORR- is there an ordinance that protects animals if they are in a vehicle or if in backyard. Ordinance says has to have shelter and water. JOE BOTEILHO – We have a pretty strong ordinance. Zero tolerance for animal left unattended in vehicle. SUSAN KRISKO – the catchall is state cruelty statute. Enforceable if an individual takes an action against another individual. JOE BOTEILHO, if we find a violation we take action. Neighbor will often call and

before we get there they are given water. Rarely criminal complaint based on citizen observation. We will have to show animal in distress and in need of saving. JOE BOTEILHO – we are probably stronger in county code than state law.

MYRA GLASSMAN has had several people who told her they called with reports of animals left out in heat all day without shelter or water and dispatch operator tells them they have to give name and address to be called in as a witness but people don't want to be involved. JOE BOTEILHO - On cruelty cases, we usually don't require name and phone number and address. On all barking we do. We usually go out on cruelty without information.

ANDREA LATHAM, cruelty case she had to give name and confront neighbor. JOE BOTEILHO we have requested in cases when neighbors are causing problems. In cases where we have been out and it is unfounded. In basic cruelty we go out.

LORI DIAMONT, if someone calls for cruelty, I don't have to give my name but if dog is barking I have to give name? JOE BOTEILHO Yes, noise annoyance against a neighbor judge wants to see how it is affecting neighbor, judge will see as insignificant without neighbor. LORI – is there a time frame where allowed to bark? JOE BOTEILHO – 24/7 noise annoyance.

7. Information-sharing by Committee Members

On 9/16 the County is starting a new program, County Critters, on Channel 4. It will answer questions and get info out to people. It will air at noon – cablecast channel 4 live on on net.

MIKE CONNELL, Silver State Kennel Club, we did put together all the money and do have oxygen masks for fire and rescue units for Clark County in hand. Put sticker in window if you have live animals in home. JOE BOTEILHO - do a program, education.

8. Comments by the General Public

None.

9. Set date, time and agenda of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at Sunset Park.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.