

# CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Clark County Government Center  
500 South Grand Central Parkway, Pueblo Room  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
July 23, 2001  
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: HENDERSON, DAVID  
HOFF, KARIN  
NOSEK, BARBARA  
RIVKIN, SAMUEL

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. **Approval of agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.

3. **Approval of June 6, 2001 Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes was made and seconded, with a minor change - Karin Hoff did not attend the meeting.

4. **Discussion of animal sheltering report (Discussion)**

Dr. Bernick presented two handouts on the status of the projects the UNLV Students were working on for the Animal Sheltering Report: a graph on the *Number of Animals Impounded: 1990-2000*, *Comparison of Percent of Animal Impounded to Estimated Animal Population*, and *Comparison of Data Obtained from Survey of Officer Activity Reports to Actual Population*. The number of impounds in the county has gone down in relation to county population according to the *Number of Animals Impounded: 1990-2000* report. The Students are looking for practices in counties that have lower impound rates and have contacted 130 counties for information from the year 2000. The Students have sampled officer-s reports/logs for the year 2000 and for each day took the 2<sup>nd</sup> control card listed on each log sheet and recorded the specific addresses for each of the calls creating a sample of 1,500 addresses. A map is currently being graphed by Clark County so the Committee can see the street location of those calls. The net result of those 1500 cases can be determined

A draft of the *Animal Shelter Survey* was provided to the Committee for review and input. Some questions the Committee would like included in the survey are: Which of the following would you consider legitimate reasons for building new or additional or expanded animal shelters in Clark County: better facilities to meet current national healthy and safety, greater convenience for public, to reduce euthanasia by allowing animals to stay longer? If Clark County needs more

space how should it be funded: increase property tax, shelter fees, license fees, donations or other? The Public Administration Department of UNLV bought enough random digit phone numbers to get 400 responses from unincorporated Clark County residents and at least 150 responses from residents of the incorporated part of Clark County.

BARBARA NOSEK asked what would be a central location for a regional shelter. A central location would be close to areas of highest incidents. JOE BOTEILHO answered that Boulder Highway and Sahara would be ideal.

**5. Review of sterilization policy for adopted animals**

The ordinance will be a changed to comply with state law which requires animals over the age of four months to be sterilized and those under that age, to go out on certificate. Staff advised the Committee that this law must be in place to be in compliance with state law and if desired, it can make it more stringent when incorporated into Clark County Code. Item held until next meeting.

Dr. Tammy Vonbush just adopted a kitten and would have liked to have been able to spay or neuter the animal herself. She feels her integrity was in question and the code is extremely stringent.

Dr. Freer believes some of the requirements of the ordinance are too strict and administrates out the reason for a veterinary run animal shelter. The shelter needs positive feedback and interaction with the veterinary community and animal rescue groups.

**6. Information-sharing by Committee Members (Discussion)**

A report has not yet been made to Commissioner Kincaid-Chaucey.

SB150 was signed and staff will be bringing something before the Committee in the future.

**7. Comments by the General Public (Discussion)**

None

**8. Set date, time and agenda of next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for August 27, 2001 at 6:30 p.m., with the Sterilization item to be on that agenda.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

**POSTING LOCATIONS:** This meeting was legally noticed and posted at the following locations:

Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway

Clark County Courthouse, 200 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Paradise Community Center, 4770 Harrison Drive

Desert Breeze Park & Community Center, 8275 Spring Mountain

Winchester Community Center, 3130 S. McLeod Drive

Dewey Animal Care Center, 4800 West Dewey Drive