



Advocacy Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes/Action Item Status-Thursday, February 21, 2019, 5:30pm – 7pm

Present: Brad Shear, Kara Maltabano, Pat Leonard, Howie Naugle, Alma Davenport, Betsy Leslie

Excused: Marisa Desautel, Liz Cottrell, Charlene Karns

Minutes submitted by: Howie Naugle

Committee Focus Issues (“White Papers”) and upcoming Legislative Issues were the primary subjects for discussion and review. Due to time constraints some past Action Items were not reviewed, but a complete list is provided. Summary follows:

- “White Paper” format was reviewed and it was agreed to follow a format (similar to Pat’s Declawing Paper) that would provide a general introduction and statement of the issue, followed by the pros and cons, a conclusion and Potter’s position (Committee recommendation subject to Board approval).
- Working /Service Dogs (“White Paper”) was reviewed. It was agreed to update the general section to provide more info on the importance of dog’s support to humans including some historical perspectives, to take a position that advocates for Working/Service Dogs and provide definition of same (ie dogs living with a companion or handler, animals of confinement do not qualify). (Action: Betsy)
- Declawing (“White Paper”) was reviewed. It was agreed that it was good as is pending “editorial cleanup” and incorporation of Potter’s position. (Action: Pat)
- TNR and Spay Neuter (“White Papers”) are subject for initial review at the next go. (Action: Marisa and Howie)
- Legislative Bills of interest for this year (H5072-Prohibit Puppy Mills, H5062-TNR conflict, H5297-Pet care licensing, HH5299-Service Animals, H5265-Animal rights, H5073-Declawing) were provided by Kara and Brad. It was agree to “boil down” each Bill to talking points that will be used by

Committee members for discussion with our State Representatives.
 Assignments to follow. (Action: Kara, Brad, Committee)

The next meeting of this Committee will be tentatively scheduled for April and will be the subject of Doodle Poll. (Action: Jill H)

<u>ACTION ITEM/ DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNEE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
2) Schedule/Conduct initial public session to engage community in animal legislation	<u>8/29/17</u>	Brad	Ongoing-see 2a)
2a) Schedule/Conduct followup public sessions	<u>8/29/17</u>	Brad	On going
4) Create/populate matrix of Newport County Municipal Animal Laws for review		Howie-Kara/Committee	Ongoing-see 4b)
4b) Create a "one sheeter" for front desk Staff & Volunteers addressing pet limitation & impoundment regulations	<u>9/25/18</u>	Alma	Open
5) Draft Bill language for Homeowners Insurance addressing dog/types/breeds & sizes	<u>9/27/17</u>	Marisa	Ongoing-see 5d)
5d) Refer adopters to local insurance agencies via front desk personell and website	<u>12/12/18</u>	Kara	Open
6) Animal Abuse Registry Legislation wording/sponsorship-requires further dicussion	<u>11/15/17</u>		Closed-lack of support at this time
7) Recirculate Pet Policy for review and Comments	<u>11/15/17</u>	Howie	Ongoing-see 7a,b,c,d)
7a) Followup with NHA	<u>11/15/17</u>	Brad	On going
7b) Update Policy, contingent upon 7b)	<u>11/15/17</u>	Committee	On hold
7c) Develop listing of pet friendly housing- contact Noel Shiland NCBR	<u>8/7/18</u>	Brad	On going
7d) Under cosideration to host breakfast session with NCBR	<u>12/12/18</u>	Brad	Open
8) Address T&R change to Cat Abandonment Bill	<u>8/7/18</u>		On hold-passed House in 2018
9) Status and future of Pet custody (divorse) bill	<u>12/14/17</u>	Kara/Marisa	Deffered to 2019 session
10) Disseminate listing of State Reps by town - incorporate into PL Website	<u>4/10/18</u>	Kara	In process
12) Potter rep to development of Vicious Dog Hearing Law	<u>8/7/18</u>	Brad	Ongoing- see 12a)
12a) Working group established-(other than Brad & Joe, reps are tbd)-recommendation for Law wording in Mar19?	<u>12/12/18</u>		Open
13) Committee Focus Issue Assignments	<u>12/12/18</u>	Committee	Ongoing-see 13b)
13b) Update Declawing/Working Animal and review first drafts of TNR/Spay-Nueter White papers	<u>2/21/19</u>		Open
14) Address tracking of 2019 Animal Bill Legislation	<u>12/12/18</u>	Howie	On going-See 14a) & 14b)
14a) Develop "talking points" for 2019 Bills of interest	<u>2/21/19</u>	Brad/Kara	Open
14b) Assign Bills/Reps to Committee members for discussion/lobbying	<u>2/21/19</u>	Howie	Open

