

Community Animal Watch Committee

July 21, 2011

Attendees: Jacqui Deveneau, Will Watson ACO, Lynda Smith, Kim Hatch, Arlene Dolgon, Nancy Tate

Introductions not needed as all of us have attended prior meetings.

Arlene and Nancy have been working with a family on Ocean Ave who have 5 adult cats. They have taken four of the adults to AWS for spay/neuter and have gotten an agreement to take the 4 new kittens to AWS for adoption, and the mother for spaying.

Nancy tells the story of the capture of Sadie, the German Shepard that had been lost for 3 months. She was caught near Nancy's daughter's home.

Lynda has requested that we reimburse her for the baked goods that she has donated to the "goodie table" that we are selling to raise funds. After committee discussion, we have decided that our funds should be kept for our animal related causes. Anyone who would like to bake can drop off items before tabling or at the tabling.

Animal Rescue League received 13 boxes full of dog food, 6 cases of canned dog food and some boxes of treats from our food stores. AWS is giving Arlene free food when they are able for both the feral colonies and the food bank.

Paul is not in attendance tonight to get the Treasurer's report. Julie is also absent who was to give a presentation on scrapbooking. Steve is missing for a website update.

Arlene has been speaking with the owner of missing Cooper, the cat. She did not know the ways to try to find a lost pet. We need to add to the website the tips so that the public will have this information.

Big points on the list are to check empty houses. Do not enter, but walk around the building calling your pet and see if you hear them. If you do, call the police department for entry. Will adds that folks should physically check the two animal shelters weekly to SEE if your pet has been brought there. The animal may have been injured or shaved for some reason and may not look like the picture you have dropped off.

Nancy is getting lots of calls abandoned cats and kittens and are working with Tianna for trapping. Arlene is hitting the burnout point with the phone calls. She will be taking a break for a while as to taking on new cases. She has three that she is working on currently. They are asking for help, especially foster homes that we have requested before. Most folks on the committee cannot bring in fosters with their own pets in the homes.



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We all need to learn to rely on Will and his expertise and the fact that he is able, as a policeman, to get information that we can't and can enforce all of the laws.

Tianna also needs help with moving traps back and forth from the vet. Lynda says that she could make some trips as she goes to Kennebunk twice a week.

The brochure is getting more of an update with info on Mustang Rescue in Biddeford. Friends of Feral Felines needs to be added back into the brochure also. Will's new phone extension is 1159 and will also get updated as his contact info.

We need to find out what the TV ad for CAW says on Channel 3. We will then check to revise it.

Will said that there is a festival in Ocean Park next weekend, the 30th of July. Ocean Park Association would be the place to check about tabling.

\$140 was made at the Balloon Festival at the last tabling.

Katie Lisnik is offering abbreviated training on different subjects. Jacqui is suggesting that we consider having Katie train and have other organizations pay to table as a fundraiser for our group.

Nancy wants us to make sure to add the low cost spay/neuter AWS program on our website.

We discussed a yard sale for fund raising. Nancy and Arlene worked a recent yard sale for FoFF and made quite a bit of items. Will suggested that we also ask AWS to bring an adoption trailer to whatever event.

There was a suggestion to fundraise for a dog Have A Hart trap. This is what Sadie was captured in. Steve has often asked what he can approach Rotary Club for that would benefit our group. Jacqui will check with Steve, and if not will approach the American Legion for a donation. Will said the medium size will cost around \$150. A larger one will run around \$300 to \$400. Will suggested that we could use it for other purposes. The one he saw had a bait holder which could be used to put kittens in to lure a feral mom cat or dog in.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18th at the police station.