

**The Dane County Humane Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 19, 2006**

**Board Attendees: Jan Viney, Cathy Holmes, Gary Godding, Bridget Bush, Ellen Markey, Dr. Sara Orvick, Pam Tauscher Coshun, Ellyn Mohs.**

**Excused: John Bloodgood**

**Staff: Pam McCloud Smith**

**Audience: Rick Marlot**

*Motion to accept the May 2006 board minutes as amended: Bridget Bush. Seconded by Dr. Orvick. No discussion. Motion carried.*

*Motion to accept the June 2006 Board minutes as amended: Ellen Markey. Seconded by Gary Godding. No discussion. Motion carried.*

Mr. Rick Marlot opened to meeting to request DCHS board support on legislation banning the use of primates for experimentation in the state of Wisconsin on the basis of helping animals. He argues that the use of primates does not actually help people and to have the support of DCHS it lends credibility to the cause. His desire is to not make it an animal rights issue but instead, a mainstream political legislative effort.

**Financial Update**

- ❖ Grant income increased due to monies coming in from DVM Pharmaceuticals for the ringworm program. Also the ASPCA grant came in for the mobile spay/neuter project.
- ❖ Memberships are still declining.
- ❖ Camp Pawprint expenses have been lower than originally anticipated.
- ❖ Salaries are coming in slightly under budget.

**Executive Director Update – Pam McCloud Smith**

There has been no further action taken on the Ovature proposal.

Mash Unit planning for the mobile spay/neuter program are in full swing. Leslie Appel is coming from ASPCA on July 31 at 6:00 P.M. to speak about the successes of this type of program all over the country and will answer any questions. DCHS hopes to launch the program in September.

DCHS received a letter from the City of Madison regarding the water issues we have been experiencing. They acknowledge the problem but want to wait to see if future development will happen in the area first.

Expense Deficit Reduction Report – Pam handed out an update (progress report) on the 3-2-1 plan to reduce costs that included the following:

- ❖ Implemented a “Virtual” hiring freeze.
- ❖ Implemented Dr. Newbury’s “Cat Overpopulation Management Guidelines”.
- ❖ Leadership team expense reductions
- ❖ Increase use of volunteers
- ❖ Identified efficiencies through assessing each position through project management.
- ❖ Reduced expenses for staff benefits
- ❖ Reduced building maintenance costs.
- ❖ Reduce number of animal care days.
- ❖ Create a “sales culture” with front office staff.

### **New Business: Primate Center Request**

The Board discussed the request by Rick Marlot at the beginning of the meeting to endorse the proposed legislative ban the use of primate experimentation in the State of Wisconsin. While the cause is worthwhile we felt that our energy needed to be focused on current situations directly affecting DCHS and its members.

*Motion to gracefully decline Mr. Marlot’s proposal: Cathy Holmes. Seconded by Ellen Markey. No discussion, motion carried.*

### **Changes in County Contract:**

The board discussed the need to amend the County Contract to include a deposit for impounded or seized animals and a time limit on when they are returned or surrendered.

### **Dangerous Dogs**

There is a proposed ordinance coming up on dangerous dogs and the board discussed how it fits into our mission. We saw some issues with it and will only support it with proposed changes.

Meeting adjourned for closed session: 12:36 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Ellyn Mohs*

DCHS Board Secretary