

Lincoln County Animal Services
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024

Attendees:

Dr. Ashley Oliphant, Chairman to the Board
Stefanie Westmoreland
Dr. Stephanie Bowling
Jenna Harmon
Lena Jones
Dawn Tutterow
Dr. Catherine Talley
Michael Allred, Sr.
Sarah Hertzler
Tim Grass
Jana Aviles, Animal Services Director
Lindsey Houser, Clerk to the Board
Whitney McQueen, Animal Care Supervisor
Matthew Freudenberg, Field Services Supervisor
Tonya Barker

Members of the Public:

None

Opening:

After the board received their meeting materials, Chairman Oliphant opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Adoption of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Stefanie Westmoreland to adopt the meeting agenda, with a second by Dr. Stephanie Bowling.

Adoption of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Stephanie Bowling to adopt the minutes from the previous ASAB meeting dated April 2, 2024. A second was made by Stefanie Westmoreland.

Board Introductions, Staff Introductions:

Each person present introduced themselves and their connection to Lincoln County and animal welfare.

Next Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 6th, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Animal Services Report:

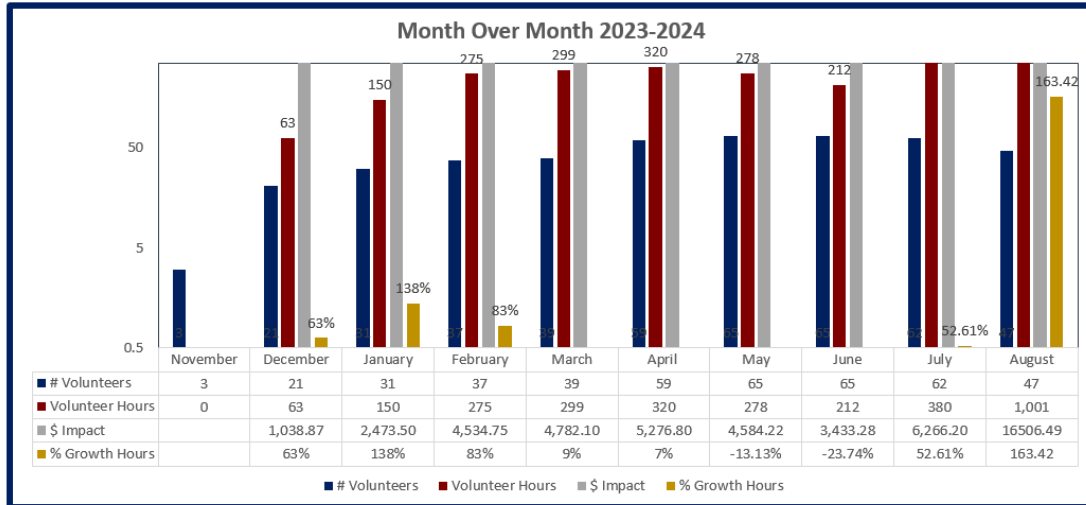
Jana Aviles gave the following report to the Board.

- Current Inventory
 - In Shelter: 62 dogs, 76 cats
 - PetSmart: 2 cats
 - Purrfect Pour Cat Café: 8
 - 5 Barks: 4 dogs
 - Foster: 10 dogs, 30 cats
- Waitlist Update:
 - Stray Dogs: 16
 - Stray Cats: 12
 - Owner Surrender Dogs: 39
 - Owner Surrender Cats: 117

- Upcoming Events:
 - Clear the Shelters through 10/10
 - Adoption Event at Cardinal Health 9/21 11 am – 2 pm
 - Bissell Empty the Shelters Oct 1 – 15
 - World Animal Day – 5 Barks Event at Scooter’s Coffee 10 am – 2 pm
 - Tractor Supply Adoption Event 10/12 11 am – 2 pm
 - Lincolnnton Apple Festival 10/19 9 am – 4 pm
 - Rabies Vaccinations at New Vision Ministries with HATS 10/26 10 am – 1 pm
 - Untapped Territory Adoption Event 11/16
 - Denver Christmas Parade 12/7
- Staffing update
 - Lindsey is back!!!
 - Dr. Catherine Talley starts on 9/16
 - Becca (Intake Coordinator returns on 9/18)
 - Darra (Surgery Assistant) is out until 11/26
 - Will reassess the vacant Community Engagement position after Dr. Cat gets settled.
- Upcoming presentations
 - NBC News on 9/6ish
 - Rotary Club presentation 9/30
 - Commissioners’ presentation 10/17
- New building
 - Breaking ground in October!!!
- Training
 - Matthew and I attended Wildlife training at Humane Society of Charlotte
 - Matthew/Jana/Dr. Cat/Daniel attending the NC Animal & Rabies Control Association Conference in October
 - Jana/Megan/Matthew attending Animal Cruelty Investigator Training in November

Jana Aviles reviewed the following graph with the board:

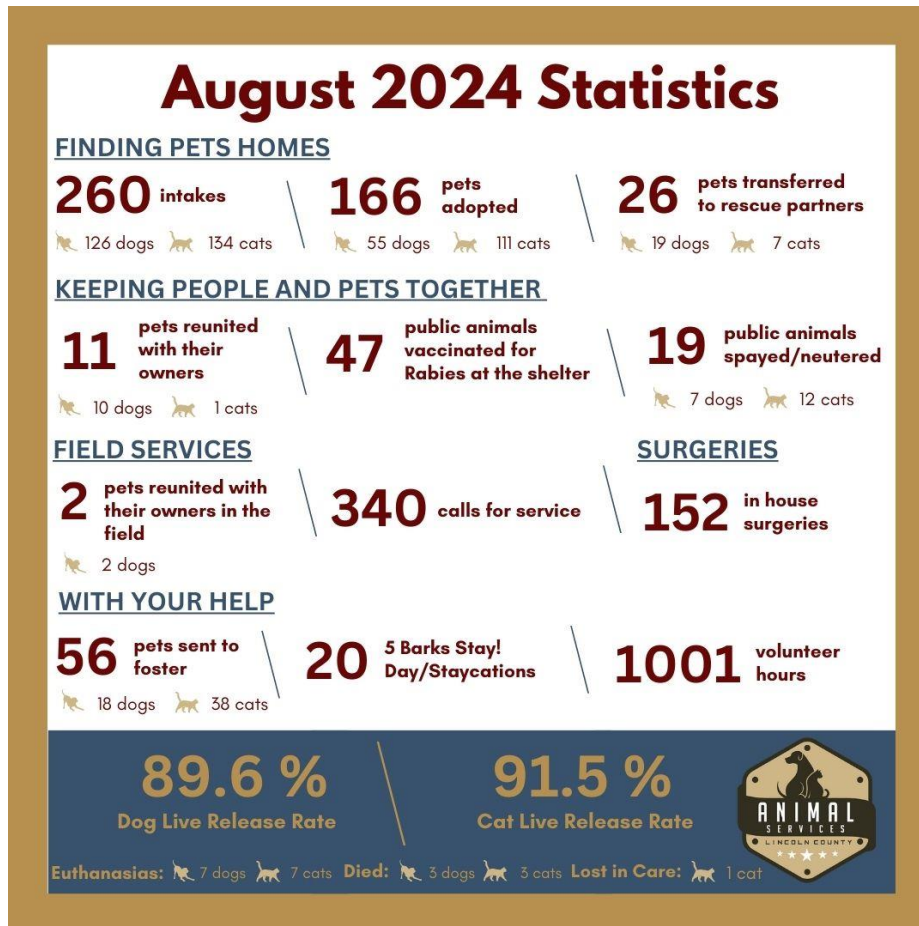
Volunteer Program Trends



Economic Impact Based On Hourly Rate of \$16.49

August Statistics vs. No-Kill Status

Jana Aviles reviewed the following graph with the board:



Exotic Ordinance Discussion:

Tonya Barker was invited to attend meeting and speak on exotic animal ownership by Jana Aviles. Barker advised that resides in Lincoln County, and has owned a Capuchin Monkey for 12.5 years. Barker's monkey is registered with LCAS in accordance with current standards. Barker believes that responsible and educated residents of Lincoln County should be allowed to own exotic animals. She also believes that the ASAB should have a member who is an exotic animal owner. Barker stated that she believes current exotic animal registration has been slack, and that prior to Director Aviles coming to LCAS, there had only been one home check on her monkey. After Barker's presentation, the ASAB conversed about concerns with exotic animal ownership in Lincoln County.

Public Comments:

None

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion was made by Stefanie Westmoreland to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Stephanie Bowling.

The meeting ended at 6:55 PM.