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West Valley Humane Society

Board Minutes

Wednesday August 6th, 2025

Called to order at 7:07pm.

In Attendance: Nick, Nancy, Tyler, Kevin, Emily, Maddie, Aaron, Kendra Ankrum , Eric Skoglund.

Not in Attendance: Nicole, Dee

***July Minutes-**Approved by all Board members.

*** Special Items**

Kendra Ankrum, our Attorney, has been working on the legal contract negotiations with the City of Caldwell. Caldwell stated that Caldwell is upset with the negative communication as posted in the most recent OpEd. Discussed the challenges with West Valley's contract with Caldwell and highlighted their inability to afford the current terms. West Valley and Caldwell may need to work on a short-term contract with Caldwell focusing on only statutory required services. These services will stop community intakes and will only take Caldwell Animals if brought in by Caldwell Police/Animal Control. Kendra suggested to try to get an agreement from Caldwell for 3 months or so to save from breaching their contract. Kendra proposed a meeting with Caldwell, Nampa and Canyon County to address the issues collaboratively to avoid community backlash.

Kendra left meeting at 7:20pm.

***Shelter updates:**

Maddie-Updated length of stay: 8.3 days for dogs and 11 days for cats. Animal Intakes/Outcomes: Dogs Intakes are 263 and 260 Outcomes. Cats were 188 Intake and 136 Outcomes. Twelve Rescue Partner Outcomes. Currently there are 104 animals in foster with 6 dog and 98. Another 23 animals at this time are needing foster.

Population numbers: Average Number of dogs 129, and cats 106, and 32 Protective custody animals during the month of July. Current Capacity of animals in the shelter at this time at 135% for dogs, and 167% for cats.

Staffing at this time is good with 14 ACA's.

Challenges are the high animal population currently at the shelter and Maddie is working on more transports. There has been great progress on establishing plans to support the behavior dogs.

Policy updates continue to be rolled out. Needs are Cat food: dry and canned. Dogs: Dry food.

Working on facility needs.



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Emily-Clinic- Currently the Clinic is staffed appropriately. Dr Sauer will be gone through August and Dr Stanly will cover Tuesdays for her. They are checking on another Veterinarian to cover some surgery days as well. CET class will take place on Monday the 11th with nine employees taking the class. There were 29 Euthanasia's in July, 10 dogs and 19 cats. Seven behavior, Eleven HPTS, Five 1U (untreatable medical), Five 3U (Failure to Thrive) and One owner request.

Vaccine Clinics had 148 public vaccines and 24 microchips.

Surgery Numbers for July totaled 184 spays and neuters (81 cats and 89 dogs), 14 "other" surgeries (6 cats and 8 dogs). Wait time for dog surgeries are 8.2 days and cats are 8.2 days with an average wait time of 8.5 days.

Emily- updated total Adoptions for the month: 199 animals, 111 dogs, 84 cats and 1 Sheep. Shelter Total revenue for July: Adoptions \$13, 433.23; Return to Owners \$4918.00; Licensing \$1301; and in shelter donations \$11,929.

Emily has 39 new volunteer applicants and 4 volunteers have been cleared for dogs. Volunteer hours have added up to 354 hours.

Staffing in the front office has 4 full time but would like 2 part time employees and still looking for a bilingual employee for the front office.

Event: International Cat day 08/08. Pooch Party 08/23. PetSmart Adoption event 8-23. Parking Lot at WVHS Ice Cream with animals 08/13. The WRX program which provides low cost, trained staff from a Women's incarceration Program, may start in September. Still working on the Plexus donation. Lippert components will touring the Shelter and has planned a Donation to the shelter at that time. Emily discussed maybe having some Shelter "Swag" to have at events.

Emily stated the the Adopt Joy Event through PetSmart was a great success and adopted out 8 animals. Next event at Petsmart will be 08-23.

Blueprint Collaborative -Strategic Planning was discussed and will focus on the internal side of WVHS. Collective meeting will be at the Shelter on 08-23.

Managers left Meeting at 7:56pm.

***Municipal Updates:**



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Eric Skogland discussed that the city of Nampa has authorized \$483,000 in their budget for West Valley Humane Society contract for fiscal 2026. Eric requested more information on operating expenses from Tyler including staffing and job descriptions. Tyler agreed to email requested information.

***Financials:** July Financials are at a net loss of \$360,000, cash burn rate at \$51,400. If financials continue at this rate the shelter will be out of funds by December 2025. With the contract increase, at \$483,00 will stretch shelter a couple of months. Anything short of full funding, we are just buying time.

Currently there are a few larger expenses pending including the Blueprint Collaborative being \$14,100, however, two companies, Albertsons and DL Evans Bank will donate a portion of these expenses but not sure when these funds will come through. There is a large check to settle a wrongful termination case that apparently was lost in the mail and will need to be sent out again before the bank will cover the lost cashiers check at ninety days. Quick Law has a retainer to be paid of \$5000 and then the second \$5000 will be pro bono. These expenses will be \$27,700 out of pocket at this time. There is also an Active IRS penalty case pertaining to 990's from 2023. Currently just payroll and benefits for the shelter staff run \$700,00. Eric questioned the contract amount requested and what the amount was based on. Tyler stated amount are based on per capita for the city of Nampa Population. Tyler suggested if cost sharing was based on usage then Nampa might pay less. They agreed that an open dialogue among all parties to reach a mutually acceptable solution. Tyler and Eric discussed the need to move forward with the shelter service agreement between WVHS and Nampa, emphasizing the importance of focusing on providing the best service for the community's pets. Aaron provided information on maintenance updates and shelter upgrades including the new kennel roofs, new HVAC systems in the kennels as well as the shelter building being provided as well as grounds maintenance and discounted IT help.

***Next Step:** Nick will work on scheduling a meeting with all the municipalities. Nampa wants what is best for their community and the shelter. Aaron stated there are no new discussions with the county contract. Right now, there are timeline concerns and would like to have funding decisions by October 1st and hoping for a joint service agreement between all the municipalities.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 pm