

Animal Control News

Summer

2010

Annual Meeting

CACI conducted the 2010 Annual Meeting in Bloomington on May 21, 2010. Dr. Mark Ernst, Jackie Eckert, and Dave DeFraties of the Department of Agriculture attended as guests.

The group discussed the changes to the Animal Welfare Act which now requires animal shelters and humane societies to sterilize and microchip adopted animals. Ms. Eckert also confirmed that animal shelters or animal control agencies can obtain foster home permits from the Department and move them among their volunteers as needed.

Dr. Ernst announced that due to the short staff situation at the Department, complaints from the public regarding neglect and cruelty of companion animals will now be referred to local animal control or law enforcement. Each county may receive more complaints of this nature through this new process. Animal control officers may investigate humane care complaints and may even impound without pursuing an impoundment number from the Department of Agriculture. CACI encourages its members to consider responding to these complaints (if they don't already) and suggests that individual counties consider enacting local ordinances addressing humane care for easier enforcement. For more information, contact any board members.

CACI plans a strategic planning session for the Board of Directors June 25 in Geneva. If you have a suggestion, comment, or complaint regarding the future of CACI, please contact a board member and pass it along. This planning session should set the course of our organization for the next five years.

Board member Julie Boudreau is updating our website which should be operational in a few weeks. Thanks for your patience with this process. Check us out at www.cacillinois.org at the end of month for a brand new look!

The Board also concurred on the suggestion to invite all CACI members to every meeting. Watch for the dates of each meeting on the website and in this newsletter

Board of Directors

Please contact any board member with a question, concern, suggestion, or comment.

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- Roger Underwood, Knox County Animal Control, 309-345-3735, undie@comcast.net.

Mission Statement

County Animal Controls of Illinois represents animal control agencies throughout the State of Illinois. CACI pledges to influence companion animal legislation in order to assure public health and safety for all citizens, develop and implement professional training standards for animal control personnel, and provide educational information.

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Get Involved!

We need **your** help. We have committee opportunities available as well as open board of director positions.

Now, any member of CACI can attend the quarterly Board of Directors meetings and have a say in the activities of the organization. Each meeting will be held in Bloomington at the University of Illinois Extension Office, 402 N. Hershey Road. Future meetings are already scheduled on August 13 and November 5, 2010, and February 4 and May 13, 2011. Watch the website and your e-mails for updates.

Be a part of CACI by serving on the Membership, Training, Legislation, Governmental Affairs, or Public Relations Committee. Contact any board member for more information. And, the CACI Board is calling for interested parties to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Please notify Greg Largent if you're interested in serving on the Board.

CACI Member Benefits - NACA

Don't forget your membership in CACI entitles you to membership in the National Animal Control Association. NACA provides a wealth of information on animal control procedures, policies, equipment, and many other issues. Visit their website to see the most current training opportunities and access all of their important information at www.nacenet.org. And, don't forget our website at www.cacillinois.org.

We Need Your E-mail!

Due to some computer issues different board members faced, many of our animal control e-mail addresses have been lost. Please ensure we have your correct e-mail address by sending an e-mail to Lmalmberg@peoriacounty.org and to cacillinois@gmail.com so that we can ensure you get member e-mail updates regularly. Thank you!

Animal Control Van for Sale

Kankakee County Animal Control is accepting sealed bids for a 1998 Savanna Diesel Van. The van is fully customized for transporting of animals. This van does have 200,000 plus miles but has been maintained well and is currently still being used. This van can be seen at 1270 Stanford Drive, Kankakee 60901. Please call for an appointment at 815-937-2949. If interested, please send sealed bit to

Kankakee County Board
ATTN: Mike Bossert
189 E. Court Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

Training Opportunities

Prairie States Conference, Peoria, IL - Still not too late to register for this three day workshop featuring Sue Sternberg, PetSmart Charities, Dr. Grant Gugisberg, and more! Go to www.iawf.net for registration materials. June 14, 15, and 16, 2010. Registration includes all meals!

Note: As part of the Prairie States Conference, Doug Fakkema will conduct Compassion Fatigue - a session that will serve as continuing education credit for certified euthanasia technicians in the State of Illinois.

The NACA 100 Level II - June 21-25 in Kansas City, MO, and July 26-30 in Louisville, KY. Go to www.nacenet.org for registration information.

Watch the CACI website and your e-mail for more information on our upcoming one-day Verbal Judo workshop. We plan to hold this effective training this fall.

If you have a suggestion or need for particular training, please contact any board member.