



DU PAGE COUNTY

Animal Services Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Krajewski at 7:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Member Eckhoff arrived at 7:33AM

PRESENT:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill, District 5 Dawn DeSart, Paula Garcia, Krajewski and Sheila Rutledge
LATE:	Grant Eckhoff

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR KRAJEWSKI

Chair Krajewski remarked that he received a call from Dr. Kathleen H. Goepfinger the President of Midwestern University. Midwestern University is establishing a school of veterinary medicine and has expressed an interested in partnering with DCAS to send students to the shelter.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.A. [24-2735](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Move-in date for the new administrative spaces has been pushed back to mid to late November due to delays in shipping of electrical components which are currently stuck in South Carolina. Completion of the entire project is still projected for February.

Animal Services is caring for just under 200 animals.

Super Adoption Saturday was held on September 28th at the Lake County Fairgrounds. More than 20 shelters and rescues participated with nearly 500 animals available for on-site adoption. Nearly 300 animals total were adopted. Animal Services showcased small animals, cats and kittens, of which 22 kittens and 6 rabbits found homes. The event provided a great opportunity to educate the public on small animal care.

DuPage Animal Friends successfully raised more than \$7,000 to cover the cost of critical heart surgery for puppy Daisy Mae. Daisy Mae's surgery was successful and she is recovering well.

DAF has also secured sponsorship dollars to offer additional free microchip clinics, and recently was awarded a Rachel Ray Save-Them-All grant from Best Friends Animal Society.

Save The Date:

“Rock the Woof” fundraiser at Church Street Brewing Company in Itasca on November 2, 2024 from 5-9pm.

Raise the Woof Gala returns on April 25, 2025. Look for event details to come via email and socials.

Dr. Susan Brown is currently serving as Deputy Administrator Veterinarian. Dr. Kristin Turdik is also assisting staff at the shelter to ensure there is consistent veterinary care and continuity of care.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.A. Discussion: Animal Services Community Room Event Space Rental

Chair Krajewski commented that ASA Prindle is researching licensing requirements and is working on drafting language and policy aimed at making it possible to rent out and serve food & beverage in the new shelter multi-purpose event space. The committee should have a draft available to review, discuss and take action on at the November meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.