

PORTERVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION
March 9, 2020
Jay C. Coleman Conference Room
291 N. Main St
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance led by Lt. Josh Maniss

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Kathy Guinn, Jerry Hall, and Kat Harris.

Absent: Florenza Pizanis

Oral Communications:

No one came forward.

Reports:

Shelter stats for February 2020. Member Harris said that it is disappointing to see no adoptions during this month's adoptions events since animal control works hard to put them together. Chair Guinn said that many people are looking to adopt smaller lap dogs and she has observed that there are often larger breeds such as huskies at adoption events. Member Harris said that maybe they can try swapping out the breed or sizes of dogs to encourage adoptions. Chair Guinn said that they are likely trying to get dogs that have been at the shelter the longest adopted. She said that huskies have become a popular breed in recent years. Member Harris said that many people realize that they are a lot of work.

Oral Communications:

No one came forward.

Scheduled Matters

1. Facebook Requests: Chair Guinn said that she was glad to see they announced the meeting on the Facebook page. She said they do an excellent job of keeping the page up to date with information on upcoming adoption events and recognizing families that adopt.

Other Matters:

Lt. Maniss said that he spoke with Chief Kroutil about the idea the commission proposed of having discounted adoption fees for senior citizens. However, it would require a resolution that may be submitted in July for approval. Lt. Maniss asked the commission what age they would like to consider eligible for a senior citizen discount. Member Harris suggested 60-65 years of age and the commission agreed. Lt. Maniss said he will confer with Chief Kroutil regarding more information. Regarding the commission's idea to offer discounted adoption rates for veterans, Lt. Maniss said that senate bill 245 went into effect in January 2020. The bill allows veterans to adopt one dog or cat free of charge every 6

months and a veteran ID card is required. Member Hall said that there should be some clarification on identification cards because many veterans will not have a veterans ID card. Lt. Maniss said that Augie will require proof of service and be responsible for selecting trustworthy candidates for adoption.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tessa St Clair



Kathy Guinn, Chair