

2.22.11: Pit Bull Task Force (Working Group) Meeting Notes

Task force has been changed to a “working group” so city staff is not required to attend monthly meetings. The Animal Advisory Commission is looking into this, and planning to ask for the Council to allow these “working groups” to be considered standing committees, as part of the Implementation Plan. Lisa McClain is assigned from the AAC to attend the Pit Bull Working Group.

Advocacy/Lobby Day Update –

Susan Hightower provided a report on her visits and correspondence with various lawmakers. No one seems eager to tackle a BSL bill right now. Love-A-Bull is cautiously watching HB988 to see if any breed-specific information gets tacked on.

Housing Issues –

- Representative from the Apartment Managers Association says that insurance agencies are tying their hands. No movement, no cooperation.
- Meghan to reach out to City Council aides
- What can the city do? New shelter director help?
- Help from City Council, Shorty, Welfare groups, TLAC

Pilot Program funds – need to watch the pilot project allotment of \$25k and express interest in it. PBTF needs to come up with a program recommendations that we should work toward and stake claim. Need to publically put a claim to the funds and put them on notice. Perhaps outline the pilot program with the incentive program and use some of the funding for the incentives. Brad to draft a letter and send to Meghan Turner.

Idea: Incentives for people to adopt staffies from TLAC. Startup package at the shelter might include medical services, food, crates, training. Offer to individuals and not rescue agencies.

Idea: Spay/neuter gift card incentive program. Offer to individuals. Pennies for Pitties? HEB cards, Target, Frank, True Value, Lowes, Home Depot, Basketball games, Schlitterbahn

Idea: Free Pit Bull Spay/Neuter Day

Meghan T. to reach out to Emancipet to see if they want to partner. If so, when can they plan the day, and how many animals can they accommodate.

Leala to call Royal's Pet Taxi as transportation partner

Lydia to talk to Deb O'Keefe as media partner

Things we will need: Spanish speaker, ads on Spanish radio station, PSA, Statesman,

We will go pick up the animal and bring it back on spay day.

Luis Herrerra might be a contact

Rescue Sub Group –Marti expressed interest in receiving rescue info. from TLAC in order to promote pitties for homes.

Future Agenda Items

- How can we move forward and help the pilot fostering program?
- Supply volunteer to help Sarah.
- Spay Street hits schools with door hangers.
- Partner with the already implemented programs.
- Ask about the 4 free days for 50 weeks at Emancipet