



Mountain View Animal Shelter Incorporated

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President

Tony DiPadova

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2015
5:30pm

Vice President

Lynn F. Fisher, DVM

Present: Steve Nemi, Dick Wentzell, Rick Costello, Susan Abair, Gail Smith, Kim Branch.

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Steven N. Nemi

Agenda

Directors

Dean Wentzell

Allen Wilson

Rick Costello

Susan Abair

Steven N. Nemi

Chairman:

Dick Wentzell

1. Dick will update.: 1000 feet of stone wall repaired, walk trail 2/3 complete, pole barn for horses site started, location for sign need to drill into stone. Administration, isolation, adoption, companion and cat rooms are completed. Reception, vetranian and dog areas almost complete. The rest of landscaping will be completed in the Spring. September 11, 2015 our donation was delayed because the transaction was not finished. 26 Stainless Steel Hybrid Cages are \$6217.56 delivered.

2. Tony will update on contract with the police department(Town) : Will send an update to us.

3. Kim will update the progress on Sunday mornings:

Kim introduced herself for the past 8 months we have been working at the shelter every Sunday morning with the dogs, with great success. She passed a paper out which is listed below and she asked the other members if they would like to attend one of the meetings so they could see how the dogs are trained.

A recent research study from Ohio State University published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medicine Association found that about 30% of pet owners surrender their dogs due to behavioral issues. Of those surrendered, 53% were under the age of a year old. This age group would be considered puppies and adolescents which are traditionally the most difficult stages of growth behaviorally in a dog's life. Many of the issues during these stages are typical and normal for dogs under a year old, but without guidance from canine behaviorists and qualified trainers, dog owners are not aware of this.

Dog training classes and consultations can help owners understand normal dog behavior, training and management. This can result in fewer relinquishments to shelters and a closer bond between dogs and their owners. In offering the classes and consultations to the general public, humane organizations can help dogs stay in their forever homes.

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Kim Branch

Kim Branch, Member, Mountain View Animal Shelter Advisory Board