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October 29, 2025 Meeting Notes
October 19, 2025

This is a distillation of meeting items that were scheduled to be discussed at the August and September meetings. I am providing them for discussion at the October meeting. The processes below are based on our past work but all new action is strictly up to the Board.

Bylaws

I'm resending the draft bylaws and including Marge's draft of TAWAB bylaws. The proposed bylaws need to be reviewed, discussed at the meeting, changes made and a revised document sent to Board members before the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Spay/Neuter

Spay and neuter remains on the agenda. Preliminary research found that there are few mobile services and they serve their local area. It is unlikely that we will find a mobile service to come to Trenton. Preliminary research has not located one.

The fundamental challenge appears how we can originate and fund low cost spay/neuter services in Trenton. This is where the background information is necessary.

This requires substantial funding. In my fundraising experience, funders/people want to know that the request is justified and necessary. For example, the current spay/neuter services in Trenton, which if any outside mobile service are available to Trenton, the possibility and cost of transportation for animals to other services, the expense of equipping a mobile unit to serve Trenton, the cost of necessary recovery services, etc. Then we would need to research funding sources and pass them along to the City's grant writers.

With the chicken ordinances, we provided evidence based information about chicken ordinances in other NJ municipalities, characteristics of Trenton and provided a data/fact based statement to the City.

The process for spay/neuter could be the same. For example, This is the need in Trenton, these are the services we can currently provide, this is how we can provide services here, and these are alternatives to providing services here.

The Board may want to consider proceeding in the same way so we can provide an evidence based opinion to the City.

NEW BUSINESS

TAWAB Secretary

Kate is currently dealing with a family emergency and is in North Jersey for an undetermined length of time. Kate and I emailed several times about this and this is the plan we are proposing. Dr. Diego reviewed the plan- he thinks it should be discussed at the next meeting, voted on and put in place if the Board agrees. Alternative plans are invited and require Board approval before being put into place. They do not require his review but he should be made aware of the Board's action.

Kate will remain on as TAWAB Secretary, fulfilling her responsibilities from North Jersey. She will attend meetings remotely, take notes, write up the minutes and distribute them as she does when she is here in Trenton. Kate will also take on and complete tasks as always.

Breeding Ordinances

In my recent conversation with Dr. Diego, he mentioned breeding ordinances as an upcoming concern. We do not have details at this time, but the Board may want to consider proceeding as we did with the chicken ordinances- reviewing breeding ordinances in other jurisdictions might be a useful way to start.

We will no doubt receive further information from Dr. Diego on this matter.