



OF THE MESILLA VALLEY

**ANIMAL SERVICE CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, February 25th, 2021 at 9:00am.

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order & Determination of a Quorum

II. Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

III. Minutes

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the regular ASCMV Board Meeting held January 28th, 2021.

IV. Reports/Presentations

- a. City and County ACO Reports – City Animal Control and County Animal Control
- b. Shelter Statistics/Activities/Annual Report – Clint Thacker
- c. Committee Reports
 1. Finance – Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, Committee Chair
 2. Executive – Yvonne Flores, Committee Chair
 3. Facilities – Kasandra Gandara, Committee Chair
- d. CfPP Presentation

V. Action Items

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Committee Member Appointments

VI. Public Input

VII. Chair and Board Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 25th, 2021 at 9:00 am.



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1 **ANIMAL SERVICE CENTER OF MESILLA VALLEY**

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3 **January 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

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6 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

7 Yvonne Flores - Chairperson (arrived approximately 9:10 a.m.)
8 Tessa Abeyta-Stuve – Board Member
9 Lynn Ellins – Board Member (arrived appx. 9:10 a.m., departed 12:35 p.m.)
10 Kasandra Gandara - Board Member (arrived approximately 9:20 a.m.)
11 Diana Murillo-Trujillo- Board Member (departed approximately 10:30 a.m.)
12 Manuel Sanchez - Board Member
13 Jeanne Quintero - Ex-Officio Member
14 Eric Enriquez - Ex-Officio Member

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16 **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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18 **I. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum (9:03 a.m.):** Vice-Chair Sanchez
19 called the meeting to order. A quorum was determined to be present.

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21 **II. Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda:** No changes. Motion by Board
22 Member Sanchez, second by Board Member Abeyta-Stuve. Motion passed.

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24 **III. Minutes**

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26 **A. Approval of the Minutes from the regular ASCMV Board Meeting held**
27 **December 17, 2020:** Motion by Board Member Sanchez, second by Board
28 Member Abeyta-Stuve. Motion passed.

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30 **IV. Reports/Presentations**

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32 **A. CfPP Presentation:** Jean Gilbert stated the Coalition's work includes
33 serving as allies at the Center and supporting area animal welfare
34 organizations and their missions. Barkhouse pulled Inky from the shelter
35 and she had eight puppies. She and other mom and pups were transported
36 to Denver. Barkhouse mission is to fix, chip, and transport, provide rescue
37 by relocation. Also in conjunction with Doña Ana Animal Control sent 73
38 Center dogs to Portland, Oregon. Jeanne Quintero stated they had six new
39 puppies this morning, and they are assisting with temporary housing for
40 pregnant dogs. Jean Gilbert mentioned I'm Almost Home Animal Rescue
41 based in El Paso but serves Las Cruces also. The Shelter vet rendered
42 care for a dog while the rescue secured a foster. In 2020 I'm Almost Animal
43 Rescue networked over 1,000 dogs and in the first 15 days of 2021 they
44 have transported over 60 dogs and puppies to areas of the country. It was
45 mentioned that stray unwanted dogs seemingly do not exist and more dogs
46 are welcomed in certain areas of the country. Las Cruces Dog Park, the

1 City does power washing of the park on a regular basis, and the Dog Park
2 members maintain the park with monthly wash-downs and clean-ups. Las
3 Cruces Pet Network sent information on animals in need and advocate for
4 Center dogs. They logged more than 80 e-mail notices in 2020 through
5 their distribution list. Forever Homes Animal Rescue based in Alamogordo
6 assists animals in Southern New Mexico, El Paso, and Juarez. Estimated
7 674 animals were helped by rescue, transport, and transfer during 2020.
8 Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary celebrated 25th anniversary with a calendar.
9 They adopted over 20 animals in 2020. And received food from Your Pet
10 Space. SNAP has facilitated sterilization of 19,000 since 2002. Better Life
11 Pet Foods gave a check to SNAP. Over 10 years ago a group of animals
12 lovers created Change a Pet's Life Day observed on January 24th to
13 recognize the hard work of Center staff and volunteers to encourage the
14 adoption of shelter pets and raise awareness about the challenges for
15 animals living in shelters.
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17 Board Member Sanchez greatly appreciates the nonprofits work and Jean
18 Gilbert. Jean Gilbert mentioned community cats being euthanized at the
19 shelter. Clint Thacker stated they had a recent meeting on this issue. They
20 are being sure Legal has the ordinance and feedback to the Task Force. It
21 was mentioned that possibly March it would be going to Council for review.
22 Board Member Enriquez stated the ordinance is being reviewed by Legal
23 and then they will schedule a work session to share with City Council the
24 significant changes and final direction to move with the ordinance. Board
25 Member Ellins mentioned that pet adoptions nationally have increased due
26 to people home and needing companionship. Jean Gilbert stated that that
27 varies from organization to organization. Clint Thacker mentioned that
28 things are holding steady. Jean Quintero stated that with Barkhouse, 74
29 dogs were sent and within a week the vast majority of them were adopted.
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31 **B. City and County ACO Reports - City and County Animal Control:** Mary
32 Lou Ward with County ACO stated dispatch calls in December were 446
33 and year to date of 6,266, self-initiated calls in December were 117 and
34 year to date 1,285, and assists in December were 23 and year to date of
35 262. Total for the month was 586. Year to date follow ups is 1,098, and
36 grand total 8,911 calls for the year, either responded to or followed up on or
37 assisted with. Strays reported for December was 267 and for the year is
38 3,257. Picked up 25 stray cats and 88 stray dogs, is a total of 140 stray
39 animals. In addition one owner surrender cat, 11 owner surrender dogs, 17
40 sick/injured animals, one welfare hold, one cruelty/abuse/neglect, and one
41 shelter quarantine. By districts, district 1 zero cats, 4 dogs; district 2 11
42 cats, 12 dogs; district 3 21 cats, 16 dogs; district 4 12 cats, 22 dogs; district
43 5 no cats, 17 dogs; district 6, no cats, 4 dogs; district 7 eight cats and 13
44 dogs. Bite calls, there were 7 exposure bites to humans, 1 bite to another
45 animals, no rabies, one quarantine at the Animal Services Center. Owner
46 release reasons, eight aggressive, one cat sick and hospitalized, and three

1 that did not want their dog anymore. There were no court cases for
2 December. SNAP report was added, 30 dogs spay/neutered, 18 cats, 29
3 microchips, 30 rabies vaccinations. Total year to date is 161 dogs
4 spay/neutered, 114 cats, 141 microchips, and 133 rabies vaccinations.
5 Chair Flores asked if local private vets sent any statistics to the Center. The
6 answer is no, no private vets send any information to the Center. Board
7 Member Quintero stated that with the SNAP program they then get a list of
8 all the dogs who have been spayed/neutered through the voucher process.
9 There was a discussion on the county districts.

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11 Gino Jimenez with City of Las Cruces ACO stated December's numbers
12 included 403 stray calls, 227 GOA, apprehended 173, 148 were impounded
13 at the Center, 85 were dogs, 63 cats. Also successfully field RTO 28
14 animals, 11 were unsuccessful went to the Center and are included in the
15 impound numbers. A total of 39 identifiable animals. For the year there
16 were 5,056 reported stray calls. Field RTO for the year was 378. Reasons
17 unable to field RTO, seven microchips were not registered/updated, two no
18 answer on phone or at residence, one unable to contact the chip company,
19 one was welfare hold. They had zero owner released animals. The stray
20 map was shown. For the benefit of new members the map was explained
21 thoroughly. Board Member Abeyta-Stuve asked if the same areas had
22 issues with abundant cats. Gino Jimenez stated no. An issue in a specific
23 neighborhood resulted in a private citizen purchasing their own trap and
24 having ACO come get the cats, this is due to various people feeding the
25 cats.

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27 Board Member Gandara stated that her district is having quite a cats. Gino
28 Jimenez stated they are seeing an increase in complaints about cats. One
29 of the services ACO cut to avoid exposure/exposing COVID was the traps
30 being loaned out, but they do still continue to pick up trapped cats from
31 privately owned traps. Board Member Gandara suggested that the ACO
32 could leave their trap and then pick it up without contact. She also
33 suggested doing something differently, get away from the sunset clause.
34 Gino Jimenez agrees, and stated that also the COVID changed a lot of
35 things, changed the services etc. and not bring in as many animals to the
36 Center. Board Member Gandara is recommending that the Task Force
37 schedule a meeting to continue the discussions and do more immediate
38 things. She wants something done quickly. Jean Gilbert mentioned the
39 Coalition had suggested a Resource Committee for community cats as
40 catch and kill does not work. Board Member Abeyta-Stuve stated her area
41 is an aged area and seniors are at their wits end with property damage that
42 the cats are doing. If there are community cats are they going to pay for
43 damage, and what type of assistance do we bring to other families. Clint
44 Thacker stated he helped connect the County and Best Friends Animal
45 Society who sent the county education material and raised funds via
46 Facebook to get cat deterrents which were sent to the offices to give the

1 information to the individuals. The information given states what cats are
2 attracted to and not attracted to, some natural deterrents, also physical
3 deterrents, ultrasonic, scarecrow sprinkler. All of this is supplied for free on
4 a limited basis, but that would help with the biggest issues. Chair Flores
5 discussed the Task Force and what was discussed and the thoroughness.
6 The shared goal was of course humane. Chair Flores asked that Board
7 Member Gandara in her meeting with the City Manager please have a draft
8 of the resolution sent to this Board. She also agrees with another Task
9 Force meeting. Board Member Gandara mentioned that it should not get
10 stuck in Legal as they were at the meetings, have both the ACOs. Board
11 Member Enriquez stated he is sending e-mails to Legal presently and he
12 will be on top of it. He also mentioned a Task Force will be set for next
13 Friday.
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15 **C. Shelter Statistics/Activities:** Clint Thacker gave the ASCMV Executive
16 Director's report. Current count at the Center is 332 animals. Intake was
17 417, 217 dogs, and 145 cats. There were returns in December, five
18 behavior problems, and two adopter lifestyle changes. Outcomes for 2020
19 209 adoptions which is 50.1%, reclaims 63 which is 15%, rescued 158
20 which is 37.9%, community cats 17 which is 10%, euthanasia 52 which is
21 12.5%. Live release rates was 90.1%. Reasons for euthanasia, for cats it
22 is feral, medial, general, severe injuries, and then aggressive dog, hit by a
23 car. Total visitors in December 570, versus 2,900 from 2019, and this is
24 due to COVID in 2020 the lobby was shut down to appointments only, and
25 only two people at a time. A graph of the website total viewers per month
26 was shown, as well as the Facebook page.
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28 Board Member Abeyta-Stuve asked about statistics of increase of returned
29 animals and if there were any spikes after the holidays. Clint Thacker stated
30 before COVID they might but now with the appointment method there is
31 more time to talk with the potential adopter. He did say they have not been
32 tracking the time from adoption to return but they would start doing that.
33 Board Member Trujillo asked to understand better why animals are picked
34 up and then returned. Clint Thacker explained thoroughly the program of
35 trapping the cat, neutering, ear-tipping, and then returning to the same
36 location. This helps the reproduction rate as any one location can only
37 support a certain number of animals. Board Member Ellins asked why a
38 large portion of the euthanasia were feral then. Clint Thacker stated that is
39 because there is no program for TNR in the City of Las Cruces. The
40 proposed ordinance that was just discussed does include TNR.
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42 **D. Committee Reports:**

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44 **1. Finance - Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, Committee Chair:** Board Member
45 Abeyta-Stuve stated that Board Member Enriquez was now the chair
46 of this committee and therefore would be presenting. Board Member

1 Enriquez did not have that information and so introduced Josh Saffell
2 for finances. Josh Saffell presented the unaudited financials as of
3 December 31, 2020. Statement of Net Position, general fund cash of
4 \$822,988.00, receivables \$93,491.00, with total assets of
5 \$916,479.00. Liabilities of \$64,890.00 and revenue collected in
6 advance of \$55,501.00. Left in the general fund an unassigned fund
7 balance of \$796,088.00. Capital Project Fund shows cash of
8 \$29,798.00, and restricted fund balance of the same amount
9 \$29,798.00. Capital Assets net accumulated depreciation of
10 \$202,874.00, and an unassigned fund balance of \$202,874.00.

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12 Change in Net Position, general fund total revenues of \$1,831,918.00,
13 and total expenditures of \$1,207,578.00. Total positive change to
14 fund balance of \$624,340.00. In the Capital Projects there was
15 expenditure of \$1,767.00 which is a negative net change in fund
16 balance for capital projects fund of \$1,767.00. In the Capital Assets
17 Fund, no revenue but expenditure which is the depreciation expense
18 of \$21,115.00, no negative net change in that fund of \$21,115.00.

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20 Budget to Actual, the revenue of \$1.8 million was 53.8% of the budget
21 and the expenditure of \$1.2 million was 35.9% of the budget.
22 Considering this is halfway through the year for the budget, the budge
23 parameter will be about 50%, so still doing pretty well.

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25 Total expenditures, \$1,207,578.00, of that 76% is personnel, 14%
26 services, 6% supplies, 3% insurance, 1% repairs and maintenance.
27 There were other expenditures but came to 0% of the total.

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29 **2. Executive – Yvonne Flores, Committee Chair:** Chair Flores stated
30 they discussed the Joint Powers Agreement. Also moving forward
31 with either a mutual or unilateral dissolution of the agreement with City
32 Manager and with Clint Thacker. Clint Thacker stated they also
33 discussed the Resolution 22-02, the adoption fee schedule change.
34 Also discussed the new building and the progress. Chair Flores
35 mentioned the art piece that will go with the new building.

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37 **3. Facilities - Kasandra Gandara, Committee Chair:** Board Member
38 Gandara mentioned issues with the windows and those have been
39 replaced. Clint Thacker mentioned one more window needs to be
40 replaced. He also mentioned the GO Bond and that they are in
41 negotiations with contractors and hopefully award will be soon. It will
42 be a little while before the start of the building, although dirt moving
43 should begin shortly. Board Member Gandara mentioned more
44 information could be found on las-cruces.org and GO Bonds.

1 She also discussed the various open job positions within the Center.
2 Clint Thacker mentioned the medical surgery laundry died, but they
3 were able to purchase brand new washer and dryer for the medical
4 area. Purchasing is moving forward the large commercial washer and
5 dryer for the center that is already budgeted at approximately
6 \$40,000.00. Board Member Gandara mentioned the building
7 supervisor is doing an excellent job, Paul Reeves. There was going
8 to need to be some additional power run of \$6,000.00-\$7,000.00 but
9 that will be considered for the new fiscal year. This would be going
10 into the intake area which is currently being heated with propane.
11 With this electric the animals would be more comfortable with heating
12 and cooling. She mentioned that the City had already invested more
13 heavily than the County and that if the County matched maybe this
14 could be accomplished. They also discussed the shed with the stucco
15 that is not looking well and so looking into storage containers. Clint
16 Thacker stated they did a quote from a local place that has storage
17 facilities. A new unit would be \$6,800.00 of the size needed. He has
18 touched based with the financial person and hoping that this year's
19 budget can accommodate this. The commercial washer and dryer
20 have been ordered and just under \$30,000.00. Board Member
21 Gandara mentioned the vacant positions again, and that some of
22 them are in human resources and are awaiting human resources and
23 that that procedure is "hellish." Clint Thacker stated the veterinarian
24 and grant writer positions have been in human resources for over 8
25 months. The veterinarian position has gone to a consultant for proper
26 pay range. Board Member Gandara encouraged the other City
27 Councilors on the Board to encourage the City Manager to get these
28 various issues taken care of. Clint Thacker stated the grant writer
29 position may be posed today. He also stated there was a mass
30 exodus of employees, Spay and Neuter Coordinator, Rescue
31 Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator all left within a few weeks of each
32 other. These jobs have been posted and in final week of recruitment.
33 Front positions and kennel positions have gone through interviews
34 and so filled within the first weeks of February. Board Member
35 Enriquez stated the comments and message are well received at the
36 City Manager's office.

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38 **V. Action Items:**

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40 **A. Election of Officers:** Board Member Ellins mentioned that the rotation
41 suggests someone from the County for this year and he would nominate
42 Board Member Sanchez for the Chair. Board Member Sanchez accepted.
43 Seconded by Board Member Flores. Board Member Gandara mentioned
44 that there might be an automatic of Vice-Chair to Chair, but is confused.
45 She wants to recommend the new Board Members get the annual report,
46 bylaws, etc., and a bit of orientation from Clint and others about the Board

1 and what the role is moving forward. Board Member Enriquez stated that a
2 motion and second follows Robert's Rules of Order and would be fine to
3 vote on. Clint Thacker read the bylaws, elected in February, filled once a
4 year, no more than two consecutive terms, also mentioning that the Chair
5 and Vice-Chair are rotated from City and County staff yearly. Clint Thacker
6 stated he believes it should be postponed until the February meeting.
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8 Chair Flores stated this item will be tabled until February pursuant to the
9 bylaws. And wanted more clarification on whether it is an automatic
10 assumption or an election.

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12 **B. Committee Member Appointments:** Chair Flores stated this will also be
13 tabled to February's meeting as it goes on conjunction with election of
14 officers.
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16 Board Member Gandara mentioned that to table items there needed
17 motions/seconds, and votes. Board Member Sanchez motioned for
18 Election of Officers to the next ASCMV meeting February 25th, seconded
19 by Chair Flores, seconded by Board Member Gandara. Motion passed.
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21 Board Member Sanchez motioned for Committee Member Appointments to
22 the next ASCMV meeting February 25th, seconded by Board Member
23 Gandara. Motion passed.
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25 **C. Resolution 2021-01: Accept the FY20 Financial Audit:** Motion by Board
26 Member Gandara, second by Board Member Sanchez.
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28 Josie Medina stated that Amador Espinoza accurately prepared the annual
29 financial report to meet accounting standards in working with budget,
30 Animal staff, and the external auditors to a successful 2020 financial report.
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32 Chris Garner, the external auditor, discussed their responsibility as auditors.
33 They are expressing an opinion and giving reasonable assurance. New
34 Mexico requires a yellow audit looking at internal controls, but not giving an
35 opinion on the internal controls and then responsible for communicating any
36 significant matters related to the financial audit. They issued an unmodified
37 opinion "clean opinion" which is the highest level of assurance that can be
38 given. There are no findings in this audit. He mentioned the 2018 cash
39 receipts that were not being deposited within 24 hours, but that has been
40 resolved.
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42 Clint Thacker mentioned that the link for the audit will be supplied via
43 Facebook. And if any Board Members want a hard copy of the report it is
44 available.
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46 Motion passed.

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2 **D. Resolution 2021-02: Establish an Adoption Fee Schedule:** Motion by
3 Board Member Gandara, second by Board Member Sanchez.
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5 Clint Thacker stated they noticed an issue with adoption prices and also the
6 animals available for adoption. The reason is they want to push out the
7 adoptable animals as the ones sterilized and also long-term animals. There
8 are always more than 100 animals in the foster to adopt program (which are
9 animals adopted but still property of the Center as they are not sterilized).
10 About 40% of these animals are not being brought back which means
11 unsterilized animal is back in the community. They also need to start
12 covering some of the costs. Sterilization on average is \$123.00 per animal.
13 Also need to cover the stay of the animal at the Center. And some revenue
14 is being lost due to COVID and future City ordinance that they hope will
15 pass that does away with the licensing. They could do monthly specials
16 again.
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18 They want to start with a base price of \$150.00. If the animal is sterilized
19 then a \$75.00 discount. Also if the animal has been at the Center longer
20 than three months, another \$25.00 off. There are still animals free for
21 adoptions that includes heartworm positive or senior animals. An animal
22 becomes senior at seven-years-old. Clint mentioned some concerns,
23 higher adoption will possibly lower adoption numbers. Previously the fee
24 was \$75.00 for a dog and \$50.00 for cats. So with the new fee and the
25 discounts, it would be \$50.00. And if the person really wants that animal,
26 then they get it, along with the same service of sterilization, vaccinations,
27 microchip. In speaking with rescues the highest is \$100.00 for an already
28 sterilized animal. APA is \$50.00 for an animal and \$25.00 for a senior
29 animal. Many of the local rescues are pulling from the Center already.
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31 Board Member Abeyta-Stuve asked for clarification, when an adopter goes
32 out with an animal in the foster to adopt program, is there an assumption
33 that due to more cost the person will bring the animal for sterilization. Also
34 will there be a method to track that to see if that is effective. Clint Thacker
35 yes they will follow the animal, it is still the property of ASCMV until sterilized
36 when adoption will be complete. They currently do track how animals are
37 in the foster to adopt program. Board Member Abeyta-Stuve also asked
38 what type of specials will be reasonable to encourage people to adopt the
39 animals. Clint Thacker stated their veterinarian assures sterilization at a
40 certain age and they can run specials. Board Member Abeyta-Stuve also
41 asked if the rescues have been included in the discussions. Clint Thacker
42 stated that the larger cat-focused adoption rescues have not been
43 contacted.
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45 Board Member Gandara asked in the past when prices were raised and
46 where we rate in that area, and what do the industry standards say about

1 this. Clint Thacker stated there is no standard. Board Member Gandara
2 asked what the licensing fee is and what will make up the difference. Clint
3 Thacker stated he will have to get those numbers for her. Board Member
4 Gandara mentioned she would need those to make this decision. Clint
5 Thacker mentioned the veterinarian is working on foster to adopts but that
6 leaves more of the shelter animals to be sterilized. He also mentioned that
7 licensing has never been a major revenue maker for the Center, and there
8 has not been a big push for compliance. Chair Flores mentioned that on
9 the report the City of Las Cruces licenses was 22.7% and the county was
10 20.9%. Clint Thacker stated they should be around 53% which is the
11 normal.

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13 Board Member Sanchez stated he has reservations but would support this,
14 but if approved by the Board he would ask that in a few months the Board
15 review the feedback, numbers, etc. Clint Thacker was all for a four and/or
16 six month review.

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18 Jean Gilbert likes the idea of a review and to tell if the change is going to
19 have unintended consequences. Could a short term become a long-term
20 animal? She thinks it is a very good proposal.

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22 Board Member Ellins mentioned the financial show the revenues are
23 exceeding the expenses which is occurring with the current fee program.
24 He is reluctant to approve this because it is not causing loss of income. He
25 also has concerns about slowdown of adoptions. Clint Thacker stated the
26 revenues are skewed in looking at the percentage because the City and
27 county both pay a large sum upfront at the very beginning and that is why it
28 is such a high number. Later in the fiscal year the numbers become more
29 realistic. Board Member Sanchez added that because of COVID and the
30 number of vacancies that have to be filled in terms of staff, there has been
31 some cost savings to the budget. He also mentioned that the higher price
32 could steer people away from that pet, but they would still be interested in
33 a pet, probably lower cost that is already sterilized.

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35 Chair Flores agrees with Board Member Sanchez. Also the longer an
36 animal is at the shelter the more costs and expenses go up. Everything is
37 skewed for cost savings at this time because of COVID. A lot of animals
38 have not been taken in safety reasons, etc. She believes the \$150.00 is
39 reasonable. Clint Thacker stated that the animals needing sterilization, the
40 owners are notified at three weeks and then another three weeks, and at
41 three months the Center sends a "nasty-gram".

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43 Board Member Gandara asked to wait on this and what would be the
44 consequences. She is concerned about adoption rates going down. And
45 could they revisit this in the summer. Chair Flores stated it was proposed
46 to check back in three, four, six months to review it. Clint Thacker stated

1 he would hesitate delaying, they have the website nearly ready, the kennels
2 are almost ready. In February they would like to do "Fur the Love of the
3 Animal" and do a special like \$25.00 adoptions for ones already sterilized.
4 And he does not foresee a decrease in adoptions. He stated that adoptions
5 have not suffered in the past year with COVID. Jean Gilbert asked if Clint
6 feels there is already buy-in from the community on the change in adoption
7 fee. Also if it can be mentioned for support at the conversations. Clint
8 Thacker stated they have not mentioned this in public forum yet.

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10 Motion passed. Board Member Gandara voted no.

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12 **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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14 **A. Microchips:** Clint Thacker stated this was requested by the Executive
15 Committee. There was an e-mail earlier from Emile Bourdet, a Las Cruces
16 resident, he wanted this topic brought up, specifically wanting to know why
17 animals are still being impounded with no microchips or bad microchip
18 information. Clint Thacker does not know why animals are coming in
19 without chips. Southern New Mexico Humane Society does a great
20 program and teams up with Barkhouse on doing microchips. He stated it is
21 about the owners taking the responsibility and getting it done. He stated all
22 animals that do come into the Center leave with a microchip.

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24 **VII. PUBLIC INPUT:** Clint Thacker received one e-mail that was about animal control
25 and dogs on chains. He did respond to the person and stated the Board does not
26 have governance over animal control. She needs to go to the City Council to
27 present. It says "Hello Mr. Thacker. I was informed that there will be a meeting
28 tomorrow about Shelter business and was told I could put in my two cents. I
29 believe that the animal control officers could and should do a better job at enforcing
30 the ordinances that we have, especially the dogs on chains. So many of us called
31 about this terrible abuse and neglect of these poor dogs. If ACO shows up nothing
32 gets done. Most times they don't even come to check. These people need to be
33 held accountable. Why do we have an ordinance if no one is going to enforce it?
34 I see dogs all the time suffering the cold and the heat at end of chain with no human
35 action, interaction at all. Please help us help them. I know more can be done."
36 Clint Thacker stated with his experience the complainant really does not know what
37 is happening. If the animal has the bare minimum of food, water, shelter, and vet
38 care, there is nothing that can be done. Another thing is that these individuals do
39 not see when the animal control officer comes out or they might be via a phone
40 call follow-up or also a letter sent, so the compliance part is not seen.

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42 Gino Jimenez stated that is one of the hardest sections of the ordinance to enforce.
43 He mentioned that the animal was only allowed to be on a fixed point for two hours
44 and some sort of a trolley system or pulley system and could only be on that system
45 for a maximum of four hours. Their problem is when they respond to the calls, they
46 cannot verify how long the dog has actually on that chain or on the tether. It would

1 take a lot of manpower for someone to sit at that location for two hours to be sure
2 that that dog is removed from the tether/trolley system. People that observe or
3 picture these things would have to go to court and they do not want to.
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5 **VIII. CHAIR AND BOARD COMMENTS:** Jeanne Quintero stated a couple of weeks
6 ago there was some arrested and incarcerated at the detention center and failed
7 to tell anyone he had a dog in his apartment. The dog after being alone started
8 eating the sofa and chewing the door. Neighbors finally contacted the landlord.
9 She stated she contacted the detention center director and they would prepare a
10 form to ask incoming people if they had unattended animals at home that needed
11 care.
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13 **IX. Adjournment (12:50 p.m.):** Motion to adjourn by Board Member Sanchez,
14 seconded by Board Member Abeyta-Stuve.
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16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley

Monthly Statistics Report-January 2021

INTAKE	Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Reptiles	Pocket Pets	Avian E	Avian L, W	Livestock (horse, goat, sheep, pig, donkey)	Wildlife (skunk, bat, coyote, fox, raccoon)	Total
City of Las Cruces										
Owner Surrender	17	1								18
Returned Adoptions	2	1								3
Seized/Welfare Hold	4	0								4
Strays (brought in by the public)	24	6								30
Strays (brought in by Animal Control)	67	66					1			134
Wildlife									2	2
Subtotal City of Las Cruces	114	74	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	191
Doña Ana County										
Owner Surrender	13	1								14
Returned Adoptions	0	0								0
Seized/Welfare Hold	6	1								7
Strays (brought in by the public)	8	10								18
Strays (brought in by Animal Control)	146	34			2		1			183
Wildlife										0
Subtotal Doña Ana County	173	46	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	222
Anthony, NIM	13	5								18
Hatch	5	0								5
Mesilla										0
Sunland Park										0
WSMR										0
Born In Care										0
Community Cats										0
Jurisdiction Unknown/Other										0
Total Intake	305	125	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	436

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Medical - Mass	1	0								1
Medical - Neurological										0
Medical - Organ Failure										0
Medical - Parvo - TX										0
Medical - Parvo - Non TX										0
Medical - Pregnant										0
Medical - Prolapse										0
Medical - Respiratory Signs - TX										0
Medical - Respiratory Signs - Non TX										0
Medical - Ringworm										0
Medical - Too Old										0
Medical - Too Young										0
Medical - URI - TX										0
Medical - URI - Non TX										0
Rabies Suspect										0
Rabies Suspect - Injured										0
Rabies Suspect - Wildlife										0
Rabies Suspect - Sick/Symptomatic										0
Severe Injuries - General	0	2								2
Severe Injuries - Animal Attack	0	1						1		2
Severe Injuries - Hit By Car	3	0								3
Space - General										0
Space - Behavior										0
Space - Medical										0
Wildlife - Nuisance									2	2
Subtotal Euthanized	21	37	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	61
Euthanasia Rate	6.9%	29.6%	na	na	na	na	na	#DIV/0!	100.0%	14.0%
Total Outcome	392	215	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	613

Grand Total	Intake*	305	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	436
	Outcome*	392	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	613
Statistics	Live Release Rate	94.2%	81.0%	na	na	100.0%	na	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	89.4%
	Euthanized, Expired in Care, DOA	24	40	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	67	
	Average Intake/day	9.8	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	14.1	
	Average Outcome/day	12.6	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	19.8	
	Average Euthanizations/day	0.7	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	
	Average RTO/day	1.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	
	Average Adoptions/day	4.6	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	

**ASCMV Website Page Views -- 44,521

**ASCMV Facebook Page Views -- 2,658

**Coalition 4 Pets & People
P.O. Box 1237
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-636-7686**



February 2021 Reports- Animal Welfare Groups

**ACTion Programs for Animals
800 W. Picacho Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-571-4654 mail@apalascruces.org**

- * January Intake: 21 animals (9 cats & 12 dogs)**
- * January Outcomes: 19 adoptions (15 cats & 4 dogs),
2 transports (1 cat & 1 dog)**

Broken Promises SW

P.O. Box 13263

Las Cruces, NM 88013

575-640-7372 brokenpromisessw@comcast.net

***2020: T-N-R over 100 felines, Adoptions 40 cats & kittens**

Cats' Meow

2211 N. Mesquite St

Las Cruces, NM 88001

575-640-0011 thecatsmeowlc@gmail.com

***309 feline adoptions (Jan.-Dec 2020)**

***42 feline adoptions (Jan.2021)**

Humane Society of Southern NM
P.O. Box 13826
Las Cruces, NM 88013
575-523-8020 fvbryce@hotmail.com

Adoptions: 0

Pet Help Line Calls: 90-120 a month answered & assisted

*** Pet help line assistance January 1st -February 17th includes assisting several cat colony managers in the county, in particular 3 colonies with 30-40 cats transporting to Anthony vet clinic & ASCMV clinic for sterilizations; average 2-4 return-to-owner of pets a week through micro-chip scanning found by Good Samaritans; some financial assistance offered for sterilizations & also through Cans 4 Critters fund including medical assistance for a dog w/broken leg.**

Humane Ed. – “Buddy Unchained” Story: 10 replies w/craft kits awarded to children (Jan. 1- Feb. 8)

Cans 4 Critters: \$11,368 w/236 animals helped (Sept.2012-Feb. 2021)

Micro-Chips: 13,100 (2014-YTD)

Spay Neuter Action Program
2405 W. Picacho Ave. #103
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-524-9265 snapnm@zianet.com

**(SNAP stats provided by Suzanne Daily
Office Director, Spay & Neuter Action Program)**

Jan.1 – Feb.12, 2021

Dogs Spay-Neuter Vouchers (*DAU): 91
Cats Spay-Neuter Vouchers (*DAU): 63
Dogs Spay-Neuter Vouchers (*non-DAU): 65
Cats Spay-Neuter Vouchers (*non-DAU): 47

Total Dogs Spay-Neuter Vouchers Issued (*DAU & *non-DAU):156

Total Cats Spay-Neuter Vouchers Issued (*DAU & *non-DAU):110

Total Vouchers Issued, 1/1/2021 – 2/12/2021: 266

*** DAU= Dona Ana Unincorporated , non- Dona Ana Unincorporated**

-submitted by Jean Gilbert, secretary Coalition 4 Pets & People (2-19-21)



ANNUAL REPORT – 2020

Like nearly all small animal welfare organizations Broken Promises SW had a challenging year in 2020. Our efforts were hampered by the Coronavirus pandemic in that we were unable to access spay/neuter services for a long period of time in the spring, and when things did open up a bit our vets were slowed by the new precautions that have to be taken. As a result, they were unable to perform at the levels we were used to seeing from them. Broken Promises SW thanks our vets, their techs, and their staff for the extraordinary work they have been doing under insane pressure from the public, local rescues, and their patients who cannot speak of what ails them.

Despite these difficulties we pursued our mission of TNR'ing community cats and caring for our sanctuary residents at the same high standards we've always maintained. We sought forever homes for the adoptable cats and kittens who we took into our program, despite adoptions not being the focus of our work.

Below you'll find final stats for the year 2020 in the areas of most interest. On behalf of the BPSW volunteer Board of Directors and team of transport and animal care volunteers, I thank you for making all this life saving work possible!

For the Animals,

Joe Miele,
President

Intake (Adult cats and kittens): 122
Spay/neuter surgeries commissioned: 116
Cats TNR'd: 89
Adoptions (Cats and kittens): 45
Expenses (Total): **\$ 47,547.08**
 Including Food/litter \$ 15,649.99
 Veterinary Services \$ 30,024.49