MEETING MINUTES

Board Attendees
Ron Neuenschwander, Jo Ellen Mosher, Mary Jane Grenzow, Heather Lisser, Danielle Hanusa, Carrie Williams, Eileen Freitag

Others in Attendance
Jenny Wright, GCHS Executive Director, Shelley Muranyi, Mike Doyle, John Baumann

Not Present
Chris Reed, Jessica Bystry

Meeting called to order
5:31 p.m. by board President Ron Neuenschwander

Approval of Agenda

New Business
Discussion: Presentation by Southwest Community Foundation GCHS Endowment trustees on the endowment status and goals.

Motion: Approve policy changes as presented by the Policies and Procedures Committee.

Original:

GCHS EUTHANASIA POLICY
Animals will not be euthanized due to lack of space, breed, treatable injury or treatable illness. Every attempt will be made to care for all animals at the shelter. There may be occasions due to
extreme injury, illness, suffering and/or pain or behavior when the shelter veterinarian recommends euthanizing an animal.

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Original:

ANIMAL AVAILABILITY
As GCHS continues to implement technology to advertise our animals it is important to define when animals are seen on the website, and how we convey their availability for adoption. All animals in good health, and medically released by a veterinarian, will be advertised on the website and social media. GCHS policy requires that all animals must be altered before adopting out.

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Original:

FOSTER CARE
Foster care provides temporary housing/care to an animal for up to two (2) months unless medically necessary. Persons interested in providing foster care must complete the adoption application process, be approved, and sign a foster agreement for the animals that they agree to foster. All current pets of individuals who are fostering GCHS animals must be up to date on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. GCHS will provide medical information, special dietary food, prescriptions, vaccinations, etc. to the person providing foster care. Foster care animals are the property of GCHS and may not be given away during the foster process.

Definition:
Foster Care Animals – animals that have special needs and require additional care and attention. This could include: special care for a medical condition, rehabilitation after an injury, recovery from surgery, behavioral/socialization, or a pregnant dog or cat and its litter.
Change to:

FOSTER CARE
Foster care provides temporary housing/care to an animal for up to two (2) months or longer if medically necessary. Persons interested in providing foster care must complete the foster application process, be approved, and sign a foster agreement for the animals that they agree to foster. All current pets of individuals who are fostering GCHS animals must be up to date on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. GCHS will provide medical information, special dietary food, prescriptions, vaccinations, etc. to the person providing foster care. Foster care animals are the property of GCHS and may not be given away during the foster process.

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Original:

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS
Green County Humane Society has two programs to assist households with financial need in spaying or neutering pets. Programs are only open to residents of Green County.

SNAP Voucher Program
This program issues a voucher toward the cost of spaying/neutering pets at local veterinarians or clinics. An accepted application is required for the issuance of a voucher. Any expenses beyond the voucher amount are the responsibility of the pet owner.

Spay/Neuter Clinics
This program offers reduced cost spay/neuter surgery (required vaccinations incur a minimal charge) to cats as scheduled. Surgical spots are limited and open to any cat owners. Owners demonstrating a financial need will be given priority scheduling.

Change to:

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS
(Effective 8/10/16)

Green County Humane Society has two programs to assist households with financial need in spaying or neutering pets, when funds are available. Programs are only open to residents of Green County.
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Original:

EMERGENCY CARE
Emergency care for GCHS owned animals will be discussed with the Medical Advisory Committee prior to veterinary services being authorized. Emergency services under the limits may be authorized by the Executive Director of Operations. Emergency services needed during the stray hold period will require permission from the admitting police department and the Executive Committee. If emergency care is required for an animal prior to the owner redeeming the animal, the animal will not be released until the veterinary bills have been paid by the owner.

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Original:

VETERINARY SERVICE LIMITS
GCHS has set financial limits for medical services as follows:
Cats - $500.00 (per veterinarian visit)
Dogs - $500.00 (per veterinarian visit)

Animals with chronic ongoing medical conditions should be periodically reassessed by the Medical Advisory Committee for quality of life. In the event that medical services result in the limits being exceeded, the Executive Director will contact the Medical Advisory Committee for a recommendation.
In the event that medical costs for a life-threatening condition, a necessary surgery, or a surgery standing in the way of adoption of an animal currently in our care exceed the medical limits above, available funds from the Reserve Medical Fund may be used at the discretion of the Executive Director and/or the Medical Advisory Committee.

The Executive Committee will be contacted prior to exceeding of veterinary limits for any animal within the stray hold period in accordance with the Animal Emergency Care Policy.

Change to:

VETERINARY SERVICE LIMITS
(Effective 10/11/2018)

GCHS has set financial limits for medical services as follows:
Cats - $500.00 (per veterinarian visit)
Dogs - $500.00 (per veterinarian visit)

Animals with chronic ongoing medical conditions should be periodically reassessed by the Shelter Veterinarian for quality of life. In the event that medical services result in the limits being exceeded, the Executive Director will contact the Executive Committee for a recommendation.

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Discussion: Executive Director to have meeting(s) with law enforcement agencies to go over animal-drop procedures and more.

Motion: Hold a summer open house with DJ, 50/50 raffle and beer/food sales at the shelter in August.

Announcements

Reports

1. Consent agenda:
   a. Secretary’s Report (approve minutes): April, Annual Meeting, May
b. Treasurer’s Report
c. Director’s Report: May and June
d. Committee Reports

**Motion:** Heather Lisser. **Second:** Eileen Freitag. Unanimously approved

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Eileen Freitag. **Second:** Danielle Hanusa. Approved.

**Next Regular Meeting**

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, GCHS Multipurpose Room.