

# The Governors' Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals

## Meeting Minutes

19 May, 2011

- 1) The regular meeting of the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals was called to order at 1:07 PM in the Attorney General's Conference Room by Chairperson Patricia Morris
- 2) **Members Present:** Joanne Bourbeau, National Humane Organizations; Sheriff Chris Conley, NH Sheriffs Association (arrived 2:40 PM); George Cook, Sled Dog Owners Association; Mark Ellingwood, NH Fish and Game; Barry Hilton, ACO representative; Michael Hughes, Secretary and Public Member; Wendy Munroe, Animal Health Technicians Association; Steve Sprowl, NH Federation of Humane Organizations; Jerilee Zezula, Public; Debra Simson, NH Cat Fanciers; Patricia Morris, Chairperson and Member of the NH Bar Association; Chief Andrew Shagoury, Police Chiefs Association; Dr. Steve Crawford, State Veterinarian; Roni McCall, Public Member
- 3) **Members Absent:** Senator Amanda Merrill, State Senator; Susan Morrell, Attorney General's Office; Carla Skinder, Public Member; Joyce Arivella, Dog Breeders Association; Maureen Pendergast, Municipal Animal Shelters
- 4) **Review of January, 2011 Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.
- 5) **Introduction of a Member of the Public:** Laura Games attended meeting to gain some insight on what we are and if there was a way she could become a member. She volunteers much of her time to animal welfare programs and thinks our commission would be a worthwhile organization to devote some time to also.
- 6) **2010 Report- Best Management Practices:** The time allotted for this section was used to edit the third master draft of our report.
  - a) Jeri pointed out that the sections in red are new to this draft. Much of our time was devoted to grammatical changes, to clarify where citations are still needed, and to put emphasis where it is needed.
  - b) The next draft will incorporate the notes by Dr. Crawford as discussed.
  - c) One error that should be mentioned is in Appendix A, NH RSA's Related to Cruelty to Animals 2011. Title LKII Criminal Code Chapter 633, Interference with Freedom, paragraph 633:3-a (III) has actually been repealed, but the internet version of the Code has not been updated. This appendix reference was taken from the web.
  - d) A motion was made to approve Draft 3 as amended. The motion carried.
  - e) The emphasis now, or still, is to add to the reference and link appendix. Please refer to the draft of Appendix B, and <http://www.neacha.org/resources/> to see where to add any information you might have.
- 7) The next Commission meeting is 16 June, 2011 at 1 PM in the Attorney General's Conference Room.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:  
Michael Hughes, Secretary

