



## Meeting Minutes

### 4:30 pm Tuesday September 17, 2024

In attendance: Katie Reynolds, Jill Freeman, Jordin Vieths, Maragaret Noble, Keith Brillhart, Yvonne Brillhart, Jason Reynolds, Riley “Nick” Felis, Patsy Worrel, Ramona Lough, Alan Barlow, Pam Riehl and Marilyn Odneal

#### 1. Past trapping days and results.

Aug 16 - 5 cats of which 3 were adopted as barn cats. Aug 30<sup>th</sup> - 9 cats all three mama cats at Chapman plus 1.

#### 2. Future trap and fix days.

Reserve 5 on October 10 for Carol house. Safe in Spfld takes 3 cats only, so not an option. Goal is 10 or more cats each trap day.

Rolla – 5 cats maximum but Jordin will try to increase this.

List of areas for trapping (1) Richards street has 4 cats in danger of being shot. (2) West North vacant house (almost to high street) has lots of cats. (3) Keith’s house is also on the list.

#### 3. Heritage Days (August 9 – 10). Made \$152.13, with nice weather and good contacts.

#### 4. Not for Profit application status (target date December 2024) – Pam has a list.

Next step is obtaining a federal employer id number (FEIN) from the IRS. Jason Reynolds knows about this process and can help. Then Incorporation in Missouri (\$25 fee), and then develop Bylaws and file with the state.

#### 5. Present drop-off list of tangible donations. MG Police Department or call Jordin and meet her at the shelter.

#### 6. Coming events

**Trunk or Treat on Halloween Oct. 31**– drop off candy or prize donations in the corner of Jordin’s office. Black Cat theme, donation jar, no sales.

**Winterfest Dec. 7**– craft or food items.

**Christmas Parade Dec. 7** – Theme “Christmas Around the World”.

Christmas float, cat in lights. Patsy may have a tree. Cats or Meow in different languages.  
“Oh Christmas tree, your ornaments are history”.

**Yard Sale** in 2025 during city wide;

#### 7. Hot Dog Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Brad at Urban Dog, dog adoption event. Cat coalition buys hot dogs, donates the food. 10 – 4 lunch time – hot dog sales. Patsy and Maragaret can work. Others are welcome to help. Ask Larry Bennett about food. Country Mart – ask for donation or sell to us at their cost. Jason will contact Sarah Lee seller about donation or special costs.

8. **Donation from Pam's neighbor.** \$350 donation Jordin will have card for Thank You, Alan also donates.

9. **Back the shelters spay and neuter.** Brad (Urban Dog) would like to get the Mtn. Grove dogs spayed and neutered before adoption and allocate the entire 5% giveback to the Cat Coalition. Spay or neuter only if they are going to be adopted. Margaret moved to vote on Urban dog funds dog spay/neuter and Keith seconded, all in favor but Alan abstained for further information. October 1 cutoff for application of funding. One of Alan's concerns was whether the Urban Dog business was stable. Urban dog is expanding into grooming and several members felt that the business is stable. Alan was also concerned about the city / non-profit overlap. TNR and dog application might be split into two applications to avoid overlap. We would get 5%, where we used to get 2.5%. It is important not detract from the original mission on cats, but the additional funding would expand our reach to the public and dog owners. It costs \$150 to euthanize a dog. Urban Dog gives \$50 for adoptees. It is more economical to save a dog.

10. **Web Page** – DIY option as chosen as best. GoDaddy was mentioned by Pam R. WordPress was mentioned by Margaret. Alan suggested contacting area students for web development.

11. **Member directory** – will update and hand out next meeting.

12. **Treasury update.** \$2,580 after 5 traps were purchased on sale.

13. **Number of cats spayed/neutered so far 83.** Goal is 100 for 2024 and it is within reach!!

14. Adjourn