

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.
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NEW MILFORD, CT 06776**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 14, 2012**

Attendees: Kris Cassar; Renee Gardner; Sue Kelley; Barb Johnston; Karen Marrotte; Ed Miltner; Tracy Miltner; Lori Sartwell; Ernie Simo

The meeting began at 7:35 pm.

President's Report - Tracy Miltner

- The minutes from the April 9, 2012 meeting were accepted.
- We have received a \$5,000 grant from the Gould Foundation and the check has been deposited.
- We have placed an order this month for T-shirts. The order should arrive shortly..
- We are still looking for a candidate for Vice President to replace Wendy DelMonte.

Director of Public Relations and Marketing - Sue Kelley

- Sue has sent the newsletter to Janet Childs. It should be going out soon.
- The News Times will list upcoming charity events. Renee Gardner will send an events list to Sue to be posted at the appropriate times.
- Sue is looking for a celebrity spokesperson for our shelter and for Dog Days. It would be nice to find a local celebrity for fundraising and maybe a photo shoot.

Director of Fundraising - Lori Sartwell

- Lori has created a Vendor Application form to be used for Dog Days.
- Lori has received the grant writing information from Naugatuck Community College on-line classes. She will let us know if this will fit into her current schedule.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Tricia from the Pawprint in Brookfield will hold a dog wash for us again this year. The date is August 5 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- The Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 1, 2012, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the railroad station in New Milford.
- Maintenance - the locks have been changed on the back and side doors and they are now opening and closing properly.
- The flower beds are getting back into shape after the construction of the cat house. The birds are back too and entertaining the cats.
- Our new shed has been delivered and is in place. After final inspection from the Town, we will be able to start putting it to use. We are waiting for the agreement from the Town as to what they will be storing inside and how much room they will need.
- Trap and Neuter Program - we are working at a new location with 15 ferel cats. So far eight cats have been spay/neutered. We have completed our obligation to Greentree Toyota regarding the ferel cats that live there.
- Volunteer Program - we held another Volunteer Orientation Program this month. Only one person showed up.
- Animal Report for April 30, 2012.

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
Taken In	14	13

Placed	16	12
Died	1 (Gummy Bear)	0
Total In-House	42	21
Foster Care	9	2

Education - Kris Cassar

- Kris was contacted by Barbara Levy. On June 3 at 2:00 pm, an event is being planned at the shelter regarding the compassion for animals. The event will include a book reading for the children and a tour of the shelter. There may be as many as 30 families coming, so volunteers are needed.

Miscellaneous

- Our antivirus software program is expiring. Ed Miltner has looked into another program called "I Drive". The "crash plan" will cost \$50/year for one computer or \$120/year for up to 10 computers. There is a 30 day free trial for this software.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Karen Marrotte