

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2015**

Attendees: J. Bloch; R. Carey; A. Crozier; R. Gardner; K. Marrotte; D. Saraceni; M. Scott; E. Simo

The meeting began at 7:32 pm at the shelter.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- We did not have a Membership Meeting in July due to vacations. The minutes from our June 8, 2015 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- We reviewed the June financial reports as the July reports were not available. The Income shows that we are at 52% of our overall budget. Our Expenses show that we are at 48%. Overall we are down by \$12,000 due to the monthly draw.
- The June financial reports were accepted.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- We have received a donation in the amount of \$50,560. from a former volunteer that lives in Roxbury. The donation came from their personal trust account.
- The 2016 calendar had 5,048 votes. The 2015 calendar had 2,017 votes. That is more than double the amount of votes. We had a total of 34 photos sessions. The calendars will be ready to sell at Dog Days.
- The Pet Thrift Shop is doing well. We have been selling good quality items at low costs to pet owners. Also animals that have been adopted from AWS will receive a 10% discount for life.
- The Petco Grand Opening went well. We were present there on Saturday and Sunday and there were a lot of shoppers on both days. We also brought down a couple of our adoptable dogs.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- On August 29, we will be hosting a wine tasting at Hopkins Winery from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and \$30 at the door. The tasting will be of five wines. We will also have baked goodies from the Oxford Baking Company. We will be making the announcement regarding our 50th Anniversary Celebration Wall. There are three different size tiles and styles to choose from.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance
 - We had no maintenance issues.
- The bids are coming in for the kennel project to extend the roofs of the outside kennel. This should stop the snow from coming off the roof and melting during the day and the water running back into the kennels and freezing at night.
- We have six cats that will at Petco. Although it is extra work for the staff to go there every day to clean and feed, one of the cats has already been adopted.
- Shelter Reports for the months of June and July, 2015.

June

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In House	79	16
Adopted	27	20
Taken In	23	17
Foster Care	2 + 11 kittens	2

July

In House	72	15
Adopted	29	14
Taken In	18	6
Foster Care	5 kittens	2
Died	2	1 (Grady)

Education Coordinator - Robin Carey

- The Red Rover Program will be presented to third graders at Hayestown School in the fall.
- Robin and Karen Marrotte are co-chairs of the Dog Days event this year. We have a lot of new things this year and hopefully we will see many new faces. Bakers are always appreciated. Here is the schedule of events.
 - 10:00 - New Milford Police K9 Demonstration
 - 11:00 - Blessing of the Animals
 - 12:00 - Hunting Dog Demonstration

- 1:00 - Search and Rescue Demonstration
 - 2:00 - Freestyle Dog Dancing
 - 3:00 - The Cheesy Puff Race and Parade of Rescues
 - 3:45 - Drawings
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- We have some new vendors this year. Come see the Logdog Truck and get an autographed copy of the story of the Logdog.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business - none

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Marrotte