

ORDINANCE 2003 - 36

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 74-34, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE "NASSAU COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE"; SPECIFICALLY ADDING SECTION 19, ANIMAL CONTROL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds it necessary to provide for the oversight of the organization responsible for the county's Animal Control program; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to add Section 19, which creates the Animal Control Oversight Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 14th day of July, 2003, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance 74-34, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

1. **SECTION 19. ANIMAL CONTROL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:**

(A) Membership:

The Animal Control Oversight Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and shall include: (1) a member of the Board of County Commissioners; (2) a member of the Nassau County Humane Society, Inc.; (3) a member of the Nassau Veterinary Association; (4) a member of the Animal Rescue Society (STARS); (5) Cat Angels, Inc., and (6) two (2) at-large citizens.

(B) Terms:

The terms of office for members shall be three (3) years commencing on a date set forth by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, with staggered terms so that one-third (1/3) of the members' terms expire one time. Members may be removed by the Board of County Commissioners. Vacancies shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

(C) Meeting Date, Time, and Place:

The Animal Control Oversight Committee shall establish a regular meeting date and time, which shall be no less than quarterly meetings.

(D) Procedural Rules:

The Animal Control Oversight Committee shall adopt procedural rules to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners by Resolution. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Board of County Commissioners member.

(E) Purpose:

The Animal Control Oversight Committee may:

(1) Propose to the Board of County Commissioners appropriate changes to the provisions of Ordinance 74-34, as amended;

The Animal Control Oversight Committee shall:

(1) Report its findings and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on any issues or concerns presented to the Committee by local veterinarians and/or other concerned citizens;

(2) Review and evaluate the operation of the facility and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on animal control program needs, services, and facilities with copies provided to the Humane Society.

(3) Meet with the Director and staff of the Animal Control facility to address the operation of the facility.

(F) County Attorney's Office: The County Attorney's office shall provide legal advise to the Committee, and a representative shall attend meetings when necessary.

2. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its being filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



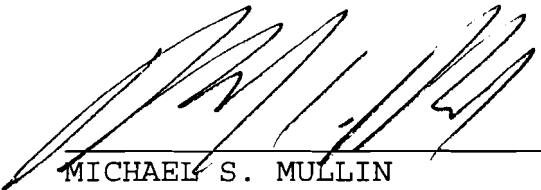
VICKIE SAMUS
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN

h/anne/ords/animal-control-and-committee