

**Denver Animal Care & Control Advisory Committee  
November 12, 2008 Meeting Notes**

1. ACC Director Doug Kelley and Operations Director Frank Boldoe passed out draft vaccination protocol. The protocol was developed to protect cats and dogs entering the shelter and promote a healthier environment throughout the shelter.

ACC Advisory Committee members added some comments to the protocol:

- Clarifying the exceptions to the procedure “at time of impoundment” (p. 3 item 4)
- Adding an additional (F) item to item 4: “Proof of confirmed vaccination upon relinquishment”
- Clarification under Storage and Usage (p. 4) “Reconstituted vaccine should never be used for more than 3 hours after refrigeration. “

Committee members noted that it would be better to have a veterinarian comment on the protocol, since no one felt medically qualified to pass judgment on the vaccination process itself.

2. DEH Deputy Manager Sherry Purdy reported that the department conducted a 170 person survey of people on pet adoptions. 91% had adopted a pet within the last six years. The results indicated that price in pet adoptions are probably somewhat flexible. 5% responding said that cost was a major factor. Convenience and name recognition played the largest role in pet adoptions. 27% reported that the household income was less than \$48,000. Other results:
  - a. 29% said they visited just one shelter before adopting
  - b. 28% visited 2-3 shelters
  - c. 74% adopted from a shelter or pet rescue
  - d. 2% adopted from a pet store
  - e. 14% adopted from a breeder
3. Location of new shelter: Doug, Sherry, Meghan and Ellen visited a potential site near Smith Road and Monaco to locate the new shelter. All thought it was potentially a good site with few issues, but DEH will continue to work with the City of Denver’s Real Estate Division. Sherry indicated there were some concerns about irrigation on the General Chemical property, although there was some potential that CDPHE might allow it. DEH also has concerns about piles of aggregate adjacent to the new shelter.
4. Doug Kelley mentioned that among the 2009 ACC Bonus Plan goals is to have a 68% “save” rate for animals at the shelter.
5. Members of the committee expressed a desire to have formal rules to conduct business and restrict absences for committee members. It was suggested that Mary Toornman might have some rules that are used by other city committees/commissions/task forces. Ellen Dumm said she would follow through

on that request and also email the potential committee member to fill the animal control officer slot. Jayme said she would contact Kevin Fitzgerald to see if he is still interested in filling the veterinarian slot on the committee.

6. Committee members also asked to discuss the strategic goals for the committee at the December meeting.