



COUNTY BOARD ADDENDUM
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Thursday, April 21, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Room 1, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 East Washington Street, Urbana

XII OTHER BUSINESS

- A. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to consider litigation, which is probable or imminent against Champaign County.
- B. Report regarding the implementation of Champaign County Animal Control Ordinances.

*Roll Call

**Roll Call and 18 votes

***Roll call and 21 votes

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Memo

To: Deb Busey
From: Stephanie Joos
Date: 1/25/05
Re: Animal Control Ordinances

After speaking with you on 1-24-05, I thought I would write and let you know how the animal control ordinances have been working out.

Initially we had complaints concerning the cat ordinances requiring cats to be vaccinated and registered. I would personally address those complaints with the citizen. Most citizens after hearing the history of the ordinances and the reasoning for the ordinances were understanding and did vaccinate and register their cats. We have not had very many complaints since that initial two week period after the ordinances were passed. Last week we registered approximately 60-70 cats. We also have reunited two cats with their owners. Both cats were wearing rabies tags. One cat was 15 blocks from its home. The tags proved to be very useful for these pet owners and their pets.

We are seeing a higher compliance in dog registrations as well. I believe this is due to the veterinarian tag program. The veterinarians have been very supportive of the program and most clinics involved state the clients love it.

The increase in the fines has had an impact as well. I have only had one repeat offender since the increase in fines. This indicates that the increase in fines is a deterrent. Before the increase, I would sometimes see the same dog twice in one week.

I feel that the ordinances have been very successful and will continue to be so. With our new facility opening, we are excited to assist the citizens of this county in new and progressive ways. We hope to be the model for other counties in this state. Thank you for your time.

Stephanie Joos

Animal Control Director