**Minutes of Animal Welfare Committee**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Debbie Kozin.

**Attendance:** Debbie Kozin, Sherry brewer, Carolyn \_\_\_\_, Andrew \_\_\_\_, Lee \_\_\_\_\_, Donna Horn

**What are Our Positions/Goals?:**

* Focus on solutions.
* Spay /Neutering.
* To educate the community.
* Training classes (for the shelters and for the adoptees)
* Low Cost spay and neutering **(OUTREACH**).
* Providing service animals to people who need them.
* To create a “Did You Know?” portion of our website.
* To enforce laws.
* To make California a “no kill” state.
* Have a speaker every month to educate the community.
* What is important to each person on the Committee?
* Place “poop” bags in Sherman Oaks parks and stands.
* Renter’s Rights: Enforce non-discrimination housing for animals
* Emergency Plan for your animal (escape plan if fire, earthquake, etc., bottled water, food, medicine (OUTREACH)
* Advertising of available Aid towards spay and neutering at Shelters (**OUTREACH**)
* Utilize Public Radio – especially in Hispanic communities (**OUTREACH**)

 Channel 35 for possible free advertising (**OUTREACH**)

 Media: Placing labels on popcorn containers are local theaters re: adoption from our shelters.

* **Priority: Main Discussion: Revamping an area of the Shelter (to include artificial turf) to be used for small fairs, training and other neighborhood events. Future event: to hold a Pet Fair to appeal to the community to come to the Shelter. (Pumpkin patch, etc.)**

**Meeting date/time for this Committee:**

 When: Tuesday – once a month.

 Next Meeting: 11/17/15

 Time: 7:00 p.m.

 Where: To be determined.

**Carolyn gives overview of Neighborhood Councils.**

* Election.
* Rules.
* “Brown Act”
* Quorum rules/decisions/alternates/commitment.
* Anyone can be a member; Debbie Kozin talks to Jill Banks for direction and approval.
* If a matter needs to be voted on, it has to be on the Agenda for the meeting.

(Someone has to make a motion, someone has to second it, then it is voted on).

**Announcements:**

 **David Ryu:** November 19, 2015

 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

 Ribbon Cutting Event

 East Valley Animal Shelter

 14409 Vanowen, Van Nuys, CA

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.