

ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

MEETING July 28, 2009

CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Present: Stephen Eliason, Diana Kay Bachmann, David Klein,
Douglas Ruebke, Dennis Ulvestad Absent: Sandy Weiss

No Public Comment

New Business

Douglas Ruebke was nominated, seconded, and voted in as the Animal Control Board Chairman.

Old Business

Examples from other cities of their Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Ordinance were passed out by Animal Control Supervisor David Klein.

Douglas Ruebke expressed an interest by the Billings Gazette in receiving statistics and locations of animal bites within the City Limits. Contact information for the Billings Gazette was given to Animal Control Supervisor Klein. Animal Control Board Members were asked to please review the other cities laws and they could be discussed at a later meeting.

Animal Control Supervisor, David Klein, explained that although he had not had the opportunity to closely read the handouts, in briefing them some did mention specific breeds. All in attendance seemed in agreement that a breed specific ordinance would not work and as explained by Mr. Klein could be very expensive if DNA testing were required to identify and prove a breed of a dog.

Dave Klein mentioned that if it was the Animal Control Boards goal to strengthen the Ordinance then he would hope that the Board may look at putting in a third violation title which would allow for these animals that may give a big show but never actually cause injury as a lesser offense while strengthening those offenses which involve injury.

Next Meeting was set for:

August 25, 2009 at 6:00pm
Location to be determined later

Meeting adjourned 7:06pm