

# St Charles Animal Control

Council Meeting 5-16-16

Presented by: Dr. Jena Troxler

# The Team

**Jena Troxler, DVM, Micah St Amant, Kaitlyn Deroche, Leonie Agurcia, Lynzy Rochelle, Paige Rochelle, Caylee Webb**

**And...Pam Talley**



# Team work to help the animals of St. Charles Parish

- St. Charles Humane Society funds all medication for our shelter animals - manages the adoption fee, rabies vaccine, microchip & low cost surgeries
- Jackie Boudreaux, Ongelle Couatre, Christine Trevett, Melissa Doyle, Lee Ann Matherne (board members)



# Statistics

- Annual **calls** avg 2,400
- Animals taking shelter **refuge** ~1500
- Number of **spay/neuters** low cost plus residents ~1200/year
- **Adoptions** ~630/year
- Animals **reclaimed** by owners ~170/year

**Mission:** to provide a service to the people by protecting the animals of St Charles Parish, secure a safe environment for all homeless creatures and improve the quality of life for all animals

- **What we are...**

- Low cost spay/neuter for dog/cat families qualifying for poverty level, on government assistance
- Offer rabies vaccines \$10, microchips \$20 M-F to all resident animals
- If a stray is kept by an owner we offer \$80 adoption package-finder adopts and keeps animal out of shelter
- On call 24/7 utilizing 4 employees
- After 4 pm-pick up stray dogs/cats in custody of a police officer, injured wildlife
- Traps for nuisance animal relocation

- **What we are not...**

- Not a low cost clinic
- Do not chase loose animals at night
- Do not pick up animals in traps at night



# Goals

- Make the resident's customer **service** experience exceptional
- **Integrate** medicine and management to maximize disease control & increase adoption rate of healthy/socialized animals
- **Provide** food, shelter and enrichment for the animals while here



# Reconnecting pet owners

- Lost dogs/cats posted on SCP animal control FB page Mon/Thur updates
- *Resident*: bring proof of ownership (i.e. vet records, microchip info, pictures)



# Lost pets

## Who's in jail



## Who's on bail





# We try to save them all...

- Medical



# Temperment

**Dogs: socialization sensitive period 14 weeks**

**Cats: early socialization 2-7 weeks, 12 max typically**



# Current Events

- Update hurricane plans
- Volunteer organization-orientation June 6
- Integrating management and medicine
- Customer service
- New free feral cat option
- Expanded hours: we take appointments after hours, Saturday hours starting



# Community cats / feral/ wild

- Free sterilization program
- Proof of St Charles Parish residency.
- Surgery, ear tip, rabies, resident releases him where found
- 18 accomplished this month



# Bringing the out the best

- Mental /emotional needs of our shelter residents as important as their physical needs
- Bringing in volunteers to fill this niche







## Benefits

- DOG PARK: is an outdoor environment set aside for dogs and their owners to exercise and play off-leash in a controlled setting.
- OFF LEASH DOGS: that are highly socialized and exercised are healthier and happier. They make better neighbors because they bark and dig out of their enclosure less often. If they do escape, they are far less likely to be aggressive

## Dogs big and small



# Dog Park Goal

- We are starting ...
- We need a place for the dogs in our parish
- Larry Cochran is focused on making it happen

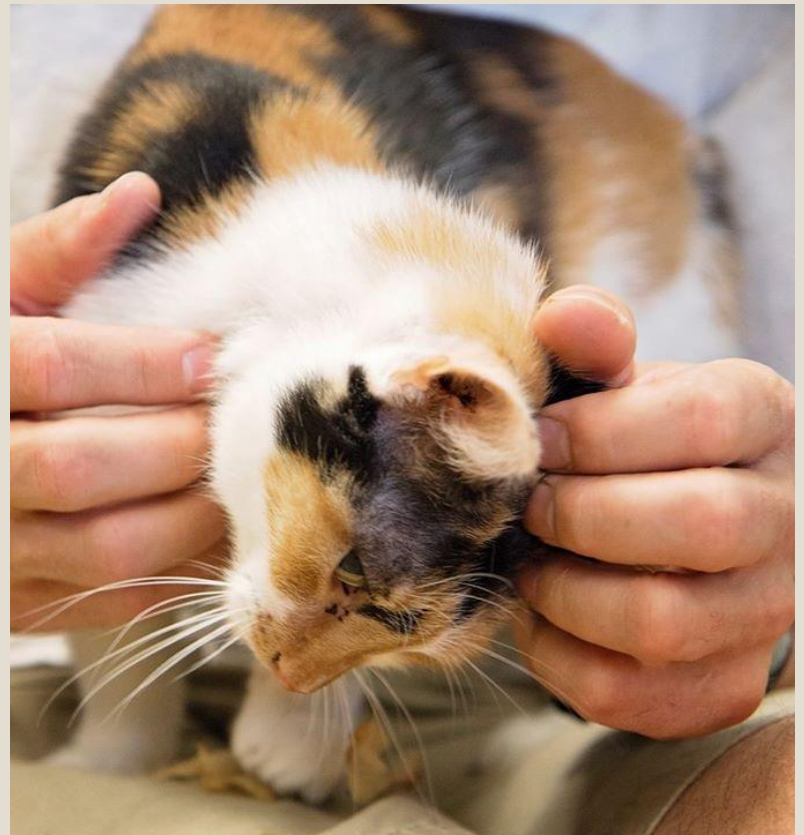


# Fosters

**Squirrel**



**Kitties**





# NUISSANCE GATORS

- **Property owner calls wildlife and fisheries:**
- **Business hours 8am-4pm 337-373-0032 (new Iberia best response)**  
**After 4 and weekends 1-800-256-2749**
- **Resident will be given a CLAIM #**
- **Resident calls Kenny Schmill 985-785-9007 or 985-233-9370 and provides the claim # (Kenny cannot go out without this)**
- **Our residents ARE NOT charged**
- **Alligators less than 4 feet not considered a nuisance . DO NOT feed them.**



# We are here for you

Call us 985-783-5010, online adoption application  
stcharlesparish-la.gov  
Visit us 921 Rue la Cannes, Luling

Adopt your homeless of the parish and spay/neuter  
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# Questions or comments

