

1. **BACKGROUND:**

On or around June 10, 2021, three animals including two dogs and a cat were transferred to South Jordan City Hall under the care of the Utah Animal Services Officer organization (UACOA), where the animals were used for live euthanasia training. Although local governments increasingly share our “No Kill” philosophy, euthanasia remains necessary in some cases. These specific animals may have found a different outcome had they not been transferred.

Descriptions of the animals are as follow:

- A stray black and white male Alaskan Malamute that was not chipped according to intake information. The owner did not come forward. At some point the animal was labeled adoptable but was later deemed aggressive during his stay. Shelter staff reached out to one qualified rescue organization but they did not end up rescuing him.
- A stray young adult black and tan Belgian Malinois mix that was not chipped and was labeled as aggressive according to intake information. No owner came forward to claim him. It is unclear if his young dog was listed as adoptable on our website.
- An abandoned senior chipped white female spayed cat that was picked up in an unmarked portable kennel at Banfield Pet Clinic located in PetSmart. Her owner did not reclaim, she was listed as adoptable on our website and one attempt was made to place her with a qualified rescue organization.

This situation highlighted some deficiencies with the Civics plus website and the software our shelter uses, I was told the deficiencies could be easily remedied. This might have caused some confusion in this situation.

2. **CODE AMBIGUITY**

Currently, our code does permit transfer of animals to qualified rescue organizations. In addition, while we strive for a No Kill organization, our code does not expressly prohibit the transfer of animals for euthanasia training purposes. As a result, Animal Service interpreted the code in a way which did not preclude the transfer of the animals in this circumstance.

3. **PROPOSAL**

I propose that the City Council assist Animal Services by clarifying the ambiguity in our code which led to this unfortunate situation. First, we can add specificity to the definition of qualified rescue organization. Not every organization who cares for animals is actually a qualified rescue organization similarly committed to No Kill operations. This recent event suggests that our city can benefit from clearer definitions. Second, we can add a clear prohibition on the transfer of animals for live euthanasia training or live experimental purposes. Although euthanasia must remain an option in rare cases when an animal is terminally diseased, mortally wounded or in very limited cases behaviorally unadoptable, I hope you will agree that training for officers, especially those outside of our jurisdiction, is never a sufficient cause for terminating the life of an animal in our care. I am asking for your support to bring back the code amendments for a second reading to implement these changes.



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Euthanasia & Livestock Training

May 17, 2021

IT'S A DOUBLE HEADER!!!! ~Euthanasia Training~ Date: June 9, 2021 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Location: 10655 South Redwood Rd - South Jordan Public...

Archives

May 2021

Black & White Malamute



Kennel #5

Location Found: 8900 S 150 W Sandy, UT 84070

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Date Found: Wed, May 5, 2021

Sex: Male

Animal Status: stray

Animal Update: transferred

Update Details: TRANSFERRED TO UACO ON 6/9/21

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Black & Brown Rottweiler



Kennel #4

Location Found: 1100 E 11000 S Sandy, UT 84094

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Date Found: Tue, Jun 8, 2021

Sex: Neutered

Animal Status: stray

Animal Update: redeemed

Update Details: REDEEMED BY OWNER ON 6/8/21

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Kennel #6

Location Found: 8700 S 400 E Sandy, UT 84070

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Date Found: Sun, Jun 6, 2021

Sex: Male

Animal Status: stray

Animal Update: redeemed

Update Details: REDEEMED BY OWNER ON 6/7/21

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DOGS

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Red & White Shiba Inu Mix



Kennel #6

Location Found: 8715 S 700 W
Sandy, UT 84070
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Date Found: Mon, Jun 7, 2021
Sex: Female
Animal Status: adoptable
Animal Update: adopted
Update Details: ADOPTED ON 6/9/21

Tan & Black Belgian Malinois Mix



Kennel #3

Location Found: 1300 E 9100 S
Sandy, UT 84093
[Link to Map](#)
Date Found: Sun, May 30, 2021
Sex: Male
Animal Status: stray
Animal Update: transferred
Update Details: TRANSFERRED TO UACOA ON 6/9/21

Liver German Shorthair Pointe



Kennel #2

Location Found: 8700 S 500 W
Sandy, UT 84070
[Link to Map](#)
Date Found: Tue, Jun 1, 2021
Sex: Male
Animal Status: stray

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Basset Hound, brown & white,

White DMH



Playroom #1

Sex: Spayed
Location Found: 10300 S State St
Sandy, UT 84070
[Link to Map](#)
Date Found: Fri, May 14, 2021
Animal Status: stray
Animal Update: transferred
Update Details: TRANSFERRED TO UACOA ON 6/9/21

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Brown & Black DSH Tabby



Cat Room #10B

Sex: Female
Location Found: 3000 E 9400 S
Sandy, UT 84092
[Link to Map](#)
Date Found: Fri, May 28, 2021
Animal Status: stray
Animal Update: rescued
Update Details: RESCUED ON 6/7/21

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Cream & Brown Siamese



Community Cat #5

Sex: Unknown
Location Found: 8300 S 300 E
Sandy, UT 84070
[Link to Map](#)
Date Found: Thu, Jun 3, 2021
Animal Status: stray

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Grey & Black DLH Tabby

