

Town of Starkey
Workshop Meeting
April 12, 2018

Members Present:	George Lawson	Supervisor
	Fred Shoemaker	Councilman
	Jack Ossont	Councilman
	Alan Giles	Councilman
Others Present:	Glen Fahnestock	DVM
	Karen Ducette	DVM
	Susan Farmer	DVM
	Yvonne Thomas	Resident
	Kenneth Zimmerman	Resident
	Loren Martin	Resident
	Amy Fleet	Recording Sec.

The advertised workshop to discuss the moratorium on kennel regulations held April 12, 2018 at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York was called to order at 7:00 PM by George Lawson.

The board began the meeting by introducing Doctor Candace Croney of Purdue University who was being video conference in via skype. Her program has been researching this topic for the last 5 years and has created a resource of best management practices for kennels.

The board inquired about the retiring and rehoming of dogs in kennels, kennel flooring, noise levels, composting/waste disposal, and the Purdue Canine Certified Program. Dr. Croney shared her insight into each of these topics and also indicated the areas in which research has not been done or is being conducted.

She indicated that their program felt there could not be a set age to retire all breeds of dogs due to a difference in the age at which they reach maturity, but around 6 years is when most dogs are retired. This study has just begun looking at rehoming of animals and what they found so far was making rehoming a requirement could be detrimental to the dog and a potential owner.

When discussing kennel flooring she indicated there is not a flooring preference, but a variety of flooring is ideal.

To keep noise levels at a minimum it has been found that management and care of dogs is just as important if not more important than the construction of the kennel to buffer noise. Access to the outdoors and enrichment in pens substantially reduces noise levels.

Very little research on composting has been done and it is not an area Purdue has covered, but information on sanitation is readily available and guidelines are very strict.

Purdue Canine Certified Program is a program with standards that exceed the requirements of other forms of certification. This program is voluntary, and breeders participate to distinguish themselves from other breeders.

It was discussed that there is a need for this type of business due to the high demand of dogs. Without this industry black market could move in to fill this need and the conditions could be far worse for the dogs. The board feels that this industry serves a purpose and we want to make it more ethically responsible.

The board agreed to review and make changes to the proposed Town of Starkey Breeders Guide to Town Regulations.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM

Amy M Fleet

Deputy, Town Clerk
Town of Starkey