

May 6, 2019

Monthly report for: APRIL 2019, ANIMAL CONTROL



To: Honorable Mayor and Council/Municipal Clerk

1. Dead animal pick-up/disposal: 29; 12 squirrels, 3 cats, 3 birds, 5 rabbits, 2 groundhogs, 4 raccoons. No poisonings/abuse suspected.
2. Special circumstance involving dead animal: ceremonial decapitation of white-colored chicken on intersection of Walnut St. and Clay Avenue. Police took photos of scene.
3. Lost pets: 1 cat/2 dogs, located.
4. License checks: 3 cleared.
5. Wildlife issues: injured opossum brought to Woodlands Wildlife Refuge, resolved 3 situations with raccoons on private property including four baby raccoons removed by homeowner. Addressed injured baby rabbit at Robert Gordon School. 3 injured birds – robin, cardinal, finch taken to Raptor Trust. Wild turkey was in vicinity of Bender Avenue for two days, monitored, no apparent serious injury or aggression detected. I released 2 squirrels and 2 chipmunks who were trapped by a homeowner – released to Cranford woods.
6. Injured/newborn domestic animals: 1 cat was hit by auto on Maple Avenue, taken to TLC for treatment/on 7-day hold and then assessed. I contacted Tabby's Place for placement. Four kittens in yard on Seaton Avenue were taken by mother cat after two days.
7. Animal bites: Seaton Avenue event where a Pit-bull attacked a Shih Tzu last month, the Pit-bull was released from quarantine out of Bergen County Shelter in Teterboro but not returned to Roselle Park. No unprovoked bites otherwise.
8. Relocation of stray cats/wildlife: brought 2 stray cats to Northampton, Pa. and relocated 5 raccoons to Hunterdon County. Advised several residents on proper trapping.
9. TNR: residents are engaged in neutering/spaying. I am assisting in the process, 5 cats processed.
10. Animal welfare: I checked all construction sites for any animals congregating – none, no deer sightings, checked in rear of Centanini Apts. and various foreclosed properties for any feral cats activity – none; secured large dog crate between OEM buildings. No illegal feedings detected. No illegal wildlife ownership reported. No animal cruelty issues.

11. Quality of life issue: Incessant barking of dog on Filbert Street resolved by intervention of ACO and Police.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexander Balaban, ROSELLE PARK ACO

REPORT FOR FEBRAURY 2019

To: Honorable Mayor/Council/Borough Clerk

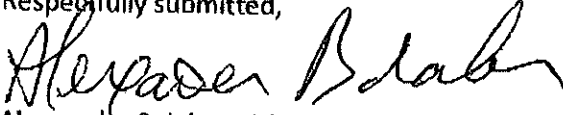
From: ANIMAL CONTROL




Events:

1. Pick-up/disposal of dead animals: 49 – 11 cats(7 cats were killed by auto hit on Westfield Avenue in proximity to Assumption Church, 2 cats killed on East Lincoln Avenue, 2 cats killed on W. Clay Avenue); 4 Skunks; 15 squirrels; 2 raccoons; 6 opossums; 3 groundhogs; 8 non-predatory birds. No poisonings suspected.
2. Lost pets: 5 dogs reunited with owners. Grove Street resident was sent warning letter about licensing one of these dogs. 1 cat and it was found. A call came into Borough Clerk's office regarding a loose Pitbull at 346 Seaton Avenue which turned out to be unfounded.
3. Extrication: Cat was trapped in crawl space under Colfax Manor, released to owner.
4. Responded to 9 calls from police and 22 calls from residents. Resident calls involved small mammals in living quarters, dead animals, hawk sightings.
5. Wildlife issues: injured hawk in area of Sherman School. It took off and flew adequately. Seen twice but not captured. Checked for illegal trappings in rear of Apartment complexes on Westfield Avenue. Skunks and rabbits as well as predatory birds seem to be numerous this year early on. Fewer deer sightings in rear of Sullivan property. Hawk was attacking a rabbit by EMS and one of the EMS staff took the rabbit inside. No further incident on this. No injured wildlife transported to Woodlands Refuge this month.
6. TNR colony saw reduction of cats to 12. No unusual stray cat activity noted in town, no uptick.
7. Transported one owner surrender cat to Tabby's Place, Ringoes. 3rd cat that they took in from Roselle Park.
8. Special issue: Resident died in Colfax Manor unit and left cat behind. HLEO contacted. We were able to contact Estate attorney and he gave key to S.A.R.A. volunteer Julia Melton who took the cat. We confirmed that Julia Melton was the actual owner of cat and gave the CM resident fostering rights only.
9. Distributed Pet licensing information in order to bolster awareness about the mandated importance of licensing. Advised residents how to keep various animals out of their yard and
10. Animal cruelty: A dog from E. Grant Avenue resident has been surrendered and given to a blind dog rescue. HLEO/Union County Prosecutor was involved. I issued summons to owner as well.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander Balaban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alexander" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Balaban".

Alexander Balaban, ACO, March 5, 2019