

Veterinary Assistant Advisory Minutes

October 9, 2013

Attendees:

Dean Rice, Chris Snodgrass, Katie Kitchen, Diane McCarthy, Terri Lazin, Elizabeth Hawkins, Dean Petersen, Jack Erb, Katrina Leach, Cliff Migal

Curriculum:

The committee took another look at the curriculum following NAVTA for Veterinary Assistant. All seemed to be good order. It was suggested that if we do not open to the public we can follow USDA permit guidelines. It was discussed that this is a training program first and not a shelter or animal clinic. The animals in residence will be utilized to support the curriculum. We anticipate that 5-7 dogs will be in the facility approximately 5-7 days at any one time. Dean Rice will provide materials on curriculum for review.

Equipment:

The committee reviewed the equipment list and suggested the following: CBC chemistry system, dental x-ray, dental DR sensor, and Cubix medical cabinet system should be added. Dr. Snodgrass will provide a list of contacts for equipment in the valley. It was reported that Cornerstone has agreed to provide the management software at no charge.

Facility Review:

The committee spent considerable time reviewing the facility. The following points were taken under consideration: move dogs to a quieter zone (back of building); day lighting for cats and exotics; Guillotine doors for the dog kennels; distance of food storage from animals; the need for the size of indoor dog play area. Cliff will work with DLR architects to determine next steps and solutions; review types of kennels for air flow and space.

Veterinary services:

The committee discussed the services needed by a veterinarian and sources for acquiring the services. Dean, Terri and Chris will review and report back.

Next meeting: January - date and time TBD