

Resume/Summary Sheet As It Pertains To Animal Welfare: Heidi Pollyea, DeKalb Co. Resident
And DeKalb Co. District 4 Animal Advisory Board Appointee

Heidi Pollyea is a DeKalb County resident who has been active in animal welfare since 2000.

Heidi spearheaded the effort to improve the DeKalb County Animal Ordinance. She gathered information and compared similar ordinances from across the country and abroad working closely with established national organizations such as Dogs Deserve Better.

It took 5 years until July of 2005) to gather community and county support and to present the case for such improvements as adequate food, shelter, sanitation, vetting and space requirements for domestic pets. The biggest accomplishment and improvement in the laws of the time was a ban on stationary chaining or tethering of as the means to keep pets on owner property. Heidi and others who worked with her were able to demonstrate evidence that such chaining is known to increase territorial behavior, dog bites and is in fact known to be an inhumane and archaic practice.

As of July 2005, the DeKalb County Commission unanimously adopted the ordinance improvements put forth by Ms. Pollyea and many others who were in support in the community.

Since then, Ms. Pollyea has served as a consultant on animal welfare issues, working as a liaison between the community at large and animal services and enforcement prior to the establishment of the current Animal Advisory Board. She has also been active in supporting such community improvements as Lifeline Animal Project's taking over management of the county Animal Shelter from under the county police department. It is still a goal of hers (as well as it is for most in the local animal welfare community) to privatize not only the management of the shelter under the direction of a progressive and humanely based organization (such as Lifeline Animal project) but also the enforcement arm of our county animal services.

In addition and since its inception a few years ago, Ms. Pollyea has been the District 4 appointee to the DeKalb County Animal Advisory Board, attending county meetings in support of animal welfare issues and working hard to support animal welfare minded candidates for the County Commission.

Heidi continues to be an animal welfare consultant and advocate for upholding humane practices and laws especially as they pertain to DeKalb County, Georgia.

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