



CLALLAM COUNTY ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES of November 5, 2024

MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

Sheriff's Office representative Elizabeth Waknitz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., November 5, 2024 in the BOCC Boardroom.

Present were:

Mike Hill	Lisa Hopper	Linda Allen	Jason Viada
Ed Bauck	Danielle Hursh	Mark Ozias	Barbara Brabant
Suzanne Hadley	Martha Ireland	Meagan Karnes	Danette Grady

Joining late was:

Susan Sanders (1442)

Absent were:

John Southard	Dave Campbell	Amy Bundy	Brian Smith	Shayna Robnett
Randy Johnson	Kimberlie Kitts	Tracey Kellas	Mel Marshall	

MEETING AGENDA

No revisions were sought.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 10/1/24 meeting were approved as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Update on shelter services

- 1) Elizabeth notified the group that the County finalized an agreement with WAG, allowing WAG to hold animals for 96 hours as required by County Code. No other animal-related County contracts are currently being processed or discussed..
- 2) WAG - Since the Humane Society closed, WAG has held 6 dogs for safekeeping, and with the new agreement signed has been able to rehome 4 strays.
- 3) OPHS – the last dogs held by OPHS are being removed today (11/5/24) by RISE Rescue Alliance. They are at capacity for cats (40), although some of those are kittens who have homes waiting as soon as they're spayed. Spays happen at Greywolf Animal Hospital as they can fit them into their normal business schedule, so the quantity OPHS can have fixed is unpredictable. OPHS is finalizing their maintenance/construction requirements to reopen the BarkHouse, and hopes to complete the work by early 2025.

b. Mission Statement creation.

Ed Bauck had prepared a mission statement for consideration. Based on discussion feedback on the length and content of the statement, the revised statement is: Enhancing animal welfare with a multi-faceted approach to animal husbandry needs, responsible ownership, and public safety. This statement will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

c. Public message creation.

Messaging will be reviewed at the next meeting once the statement is approved, and photos taken for use on social media.

d. Update on event planning/organization.

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- 1) Linda Allen has organized a spay/neuter clinic to occur on 11/16/24 to fix animals held by WAG. Given OPHS' statements on the inconsistency of their animals being fixed, Linda offered to do theirs as well. This clinic will occur at Pacific Northwest Animal Hospital, and students from PIMA Institute will assist. Photos will be taken during the event to use for social media messages.
- 2) For future spay/neuter clinics, the size of the facility is a limiting factor for how many animals can be seen. OPHS offered their Kitty City veterinary wing as a possibility pending their Board's approval. We could potentially partner with the PAIR mobile spay/neuter bus as well.
- 3) Holding microchip clinics was also discussed. Being able to purchase microchips in bulk would reduce their cost, so utilizing existing vendors or commercial accounts might be beneficial. The cost different organizations pay for microchips was discussed. The brand of microchip the committee would use was also discussed, as some are approved by different associations or can only be "read" by specific types of scanners.
- 4) If the committee were to ask for donations towards microchips, the donors could claim charitable donations if the funds were given to a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit. WAG is one, and will discuss being the fiscal agent of the committee at their next board meeting. They would need to establish accounting practices to receive and spend money for the specific purpose of the committee independently from their normal operations. Commissioner Ozias mentioned he works with Olympic View Community Foundation, who he would be willing to ask to assist the committee establishing fiscal accounts and procedures as well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Approval of a mission statement
- Creation of public messaging information for social media
- Organization of events such as spay/neuter or microchip clinics
- Further discussion on WAG or other entity acting as fiscal agent for the Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Public participation was encouraged throughout the discussion.

NEXT MEETING – December 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 3:03 p.m.