



CLALLAM COUNTY ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES of February 4, 2025

MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

Sheriff's Office representative Elizabeth Waknitz called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., February 4, 2025 in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Present were:

Mike Hill	Jason Viada	Meagan Karnes	
Ed Bauck	Barbara Brabant	Mel Marshall	Danielle Hursh

Absent were:

John Southard	Dave Campbell	Amy Bundy	Suzanne Hadley	Lisa Hopper
Randy Johnson	Kimberlie Kitts	Brian Smith	Martha Ireland	Linda Allen
Shayna Robnett	Danette Grady	Mark Ozias		

MEETING AGENDA

No revisions were sought.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 1/7/25 meeting were unanimously approved.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1) Update on committee members.
 - 1) Elizabeth shared that Susan Sanders had submit notice of her resignation from the board. Susan had filled an At-Large position, so other eligible applications for that position would need to be reviewed, and the applicant's interest/availability confirmed since time had passed from their initial interest. Each voting member was asked to review available applications to rank them into an order for confirming interest/availability.
 - 2) Megan Overton of the Humane Society would be joining as a member into the vacant seat designated for the OPHS, the resolution appointing her would be finalized before the next meeting in March.
- 2) Organization of events.
 - 1) Following the January WAG clinic, 130 people contacted them about future events. During that clinic they vaccinated 46 animals, microchipped 40, completed 6 dogs (4 large) neutered/spayed, and 3 cats neutered/spayed
 - 2) Meaghan suggested organizations could potentially pool resources to provide more spays/neuters per event
 - a. Would require a larger space and additional veterinarians
 - b. Are vets required to administer vaccines/microchips? The rabies vaccine is regulated and requires a vet to administer
 - 3) If other organizations are hosting their own clinics, maybe we should advertise them in an attempt to provide a consistent resource to the public, rather than them having to track information down across many sites?
 - a. PFOA will be hosting a low cost clinic, we can advertise it?
 - b. If any other organizations send us information, we can advertise that as well

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- 3) Discussion on 4H Support.
 - 1) Melanie Greer was a guest speaker, she is the 4H and Youth Empowerment Coordinator for the WSU Extension.
 - 2) Educating youth about responsible pet ownership and the importance of training will hopefully help reduce the number of owner surrendered animals rescues are seeing. The primary reason for surrendering an animal is owners didn't train them and they have behavior problems, or they didn't realize how much work they'd be. Education is the solution.
 - 3) Currently 4H has a Forks group that's fairly established, but needs volunteers to assist in the PA area. The PA group is currently struggling to maintain in the absence of adult leadership, thanks to the initiative of a teen member.
 - 4) If additional volunteers can be found 4H could expand, offer new community demonstrations – which generally are very popular, helping to advertise the necessity of training, coordinate dispersing information on adult training opportunities.
 - 5) Melanie will send information that Elizabeth will share, on how to become a 4H volunteer. She's hoping the organizations present can spread the word.
- 4) Presentation on Animal Disaster Planning
 - 1) Justine Chorley, Emergency Management Coordinator, was a guest speaker on the topic of incidents requiring evacuation or mass sheltering and how that may affect your pets
 - 2) Generally people can't use shelter sites if they have pets, or will refuse to evacuate and leave a pet behind.
 - 3) She invited members to join the forum created to help develop that plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Updates on items previously discussed:
 - Community clinics
 - Pet/farm animal food pantry
 - Funding mechanisms for other county-run shelters
 - Community training classes
 - County contracts for sheltering
 - Resources for community providers to give the homeless population with pets

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments were made.

NEXT MEETING – March 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 2:40 p.m.