



## **CLALLAM COUNTY ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES of March 4, 2025**

### **MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)**

Sheriff's Office representative Elizabeth Waknitz called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., March 4, 2025 in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Also present were:

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| Meagan Karnes   | Megan Overton | Martha Ireland |
| Barbara Brabant | Mel Marshall  | Danielle Hursh |

Absent were:

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| John Southard  | Dave Campbell   | Amy Bundy   | Lisa Hopper | Jason Viada |
| Randy Johnson  | Kimberlie Kitts | Brian Smith | Linda Allen | Ed Bauck    |
| Shayna Robnett | Danette Grady   | Mark Ozias  | Mike Hill   |             |

### **MEETING AGENDA**

No revisions were sought.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the 2/4/25 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 1) Update on committee members.
  - 1) Elizabeth shared that Suzanne Hadley had submit notice of her resignation from the board. Suzanne had filled an At-Large position. The County would be running an advertisement period announcing the two open At-large positions, and even though we have eligible applications on hand, the publication period has to conclude before selecting new committee members, so that others may also apply.
  - 2) Megan Overton introduced herself as this was her first meeting.
- 2) Organization of events.
  - 1) Due to the large amounts of interested public that reached out about the first community clinic, current clinics are being held but not advertised. WAG has a very long list of people they're trying to work through assisting. There will be a clinic 3/22, and they'll try to take pictures for social media posting. It would be good to advertise the existence and effectiveness of the clinics, even if we can't accommodate people stopping by or signing up for services at them.
  - 2) OPHS recently held a microchip clinic, and completed 40 of them.
- 3) Updates on items previously discussed
  - 1) County contracts: Elizabeth wanted to clarify that the County does not have any specialized or dedicated funding for animal sheltering, so is under no obligation to re-contract with any agency for that purpose. If an agency wishes to ask the Commissioners for monetary support, the Commissioners will decide at that time if they have the funding and a contract is in the best interest of the citizens of the County. The Sheriff's Office would like to find an agency to partner with for dangerous dog holding services, and has not yet. This service requires specialized training and kennels, but isn't needed very frequently.

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- 2) Public Sale of Dogs: Committee recognizes that private citizens or private businesses can allow/disallow sale of dogs and we can't restrict their choices. The only thing we can do is provide information to the public on responsible ownership and doing appropriate research before purchasing. Maybe social media posts about puppy/kitten season approaching?
- 3) Info Sheet for homeless: Meagan and Mel were late to the meeting as they were working on a related issue. Some of the homeless encampments have large amounts of loose dogs that nobody wants to have fixed, so now there are many puppies. The dogs are unvaccinated, and now there is a parvo outbreak. Both RISE and WAG have tried to offer free vaccination or spay/neuter services, and have not been welcomed. Elizabeth suggested working with a community provider who has already established trust, and could suggest more effective methods of approach, or could help coordinate vaccination clinics specifically offered to these populations etc. She'll ask OPCC if they can join us next month to continue this discussion. WAG will work on info sheets/pamphlets to potentially hand out. Suggestions were brought up to place a mobile vaccine clinic by the Salvation Army, or potentially have it at events such as Food not Bombs or Stand Down, where other resources are made available.
- 4) The topic was brought up that we should look into programs for temporary holding of pets while people seek treatment, apparently City of Seattle has such a program. This would make it easier for people who need mental health or substance use treatment programs to commit to going to them.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Updates on items previously discussed
- Discussion on coordinating care for the pets of our homeless population

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No comments were made.

**NEXT MEETING – April 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting concluded at 3:04 p.m.