



CLALLAM COUNTY ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES of May 6, 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., May 6, 2025 in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Members also present were:

Meagan Karnes	Megan Overton	Mike Hill	Ed Bauck	Linda Allen
Barbara Brabant	Mel Marshall	Danielle Hursh	Lisa Hopper	

Officer Deckard (standing in for Jason Viada)

Members absent were:

John Southard	Dave Campbell	Amy Bundy	Jason Viada
Randy Johnson	Kimberlie Kitts	Brian Smith	Martha Ireland
Shayna Robnett	Danette Grady	Mark Ozias	

Kevin Talbot of OPHS, Hope Williams, and Dr. Pat Dowell of Best Friend's Pet Care were participating public.

MEETING AGENDA

No revisions were sought.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 4/1/25 meeting were unanimously approved.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1) Update on contracts: Elizabeth shared that the Sheriff's Office is working with OPHS on a new contract for dangerous dogs only, not strays or citizen surrenders. It will include a flat rate to hold 3 kennels in reserve for the CCSO, as well as a daily rate if a kennel is in use. It will require training by OPHS staff, and keeping of monitoring logs. WAG suggested including language that CCSO can inspect the kennels at any time, to ensure animal welfare/sanitation standards. Lisa Hopper expressed interest in seeking a similar contract for Sequim Police Department.
- 2) Organization of events: Linda shared that she was asked by OPHS to help spay/neuter animals awaiting adoption. She was unsure of the genders, quantity, or cats vs dogs. It was discussed whether she would be paid for this assistance, or was being asked to volunteer. She had none of the specifics, including payment terms. Megan was able to find out that they needed help with cats. Linda would be following up with her other questions.

Dr. Dowell discussed PAIR spay/neuter clinics – she hosts them at her office in Port Angeles or Forks normally, although will host them as requested/coordinated (example: for the Makah tribe) PAIR clinics are either low cost or sponsored. In 2025 YTD she's fixed 240 animals.

WAG has upcoming clinics on 5/24 and 6/21. They don't have any availability for walk ins and are still working through their wait list. The 5/24 clinic will be specifically for large dogs.

- 3) Pet licensing: Previously OPHS was the agency in charge of pet licensing as per their old County contract. The new contract for dangerous dogs will not include anything about pet licensing, that would need to be separate. Is there a need for separate microchip and license information? Microchips aren't updated with current vaccinations. Could the information be linked so that

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scanning a microchip pulls up current license info? If nobody is licensing animals, we're missing out on a revenue stream.

- 4) Breeding/puppy selling restrictions: Meagan said that CA had recently changed laws to include having a breeder license. The laws looked really good and the cost was very reasonable. She'd look it up and send out a link about it. Could we have somebody attend a committee meeting that could offer legal advice on means of restricting breeding/sales without infringing on people's rights to their property?
- 5) Can our committee discuss sheltering needs with the Commissioners? Commissioner discussions take place in public meeting on Tuesdays, we could certainly put together an agenda for discussion. All agencies present are overwhelmed with quantity of animals being abandoned – it's a huge public need that the County needs to help with. WAG had 70 calls in April for people needing to abandon dogs. Could the County have an after hours drop off kennel at least, so that rescues aren't being contacted in the middle of the night if law enforcement has to hold an animal? Most of those cases are short term, for an arrest or hospital visit. Could the county have more kennels, and work with the rescues to foster most adoptable, while euthanizing less adoptable based on population needs? The rescues don't want to euthanize, but the County could. There is no way to shelter all the unwanted animals in our county, we need population control.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Updates on items previously discussed
- Invitation for Paul of OPHS to join us for discussion
- Invitation for legal advisor to join us for discussion
- Potential use of fairgrounds for large scale spay/neuter clinic

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments were made.

NEXT MEETING – June 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 3:30 p.m.