



CLALLAM COUNTY ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES of June 3, 2025

MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

Sheriff's Office representative Elizabeth Waknitz called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m., June 3, 2025 in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Members also present were:

Meagan Karnes	Ed Bauck	Linda Allen	Mark Ozias
Barbara Brabant	Mel Marshall	Danielle Hursh	Lisa Hopper

Members absent were:

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

Sheriff Brian King and Board President Paul Stehr-Green of the Humane Society were also present.

MEETING AGENDA

No revisions were sought.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 5/6/25 meeting were unanimously approved.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1) Organization of events: Elizabeth had contacted County Facilities about using the fairgrounds for a large scale community clinic. Facilities had conferred with Public Health, and the conclusion is that the Home Arts and Expo buildings would work well for procedures as the surfaces could be sanitized. The dog and cat barns would work well as holding areas, but the surfaces are too porous for sterilization. Fairgrounds tables could be used for paperwork, but not for animal procedures. We would need to provide answers about our sanitization protocol, and collection of biosecurity/waste products created during our event.

Linda volunteered to head up the group planning the event.

Mark Ozias offered to reach out to Clallam Transit about transportation for people to/from the fairgrounds.

Sheriff King suggested Ed Bauck could possibly transport some people if they need assistance.

- 2) Discussion with OPHS Board President: their search for a new Executive Director is about done, and their selection has 7 or 8 years of experience with a shelter in Utah, has huge energy, and will be a great addition. Their Board will make policy and financial decisions, their E.D. will make operational decisions.

The Board has been hard at work creating a new culture, and Paul is confident they're on a new path that will avoid past mistakes.

They had a vet come fix 7 dogs recently – using their own medical facility has been their goal and they were excited they got to utilize it. Getting animals fixed has been their bottleneck in rehoming them. They are currently combating a large ringworm outbreak in recently rescued kittens.

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OPHS currently has ~25 dogs and 45 cats, ~10 dogs have been adopted out since March. They hope to open up an additional 5 dog kennels soon, they're adding them slowly to ensure the staff and animal care are not compromised and quality of care is maintained.

They'll be holding a fundraiser this October with Field Arts Hall, Steel Wheels concert and silent auction.

- 3) Discussion on community shelter needs: Area rescues are overrun. We need short term hold kennels, for DUI offenders or other brief LE interactions, or animals where the owner can't immediately claim them.

Where would it be? Barb suggested the old Blue Mountain Vet hospital building. Sheriff suggested potentially the City of Forks kennels, but Ed said they're generally full of strays from within the city limits. Paul suggested several outbuildings owned by OPHS, but was prompted that they don't meet permitting requirements and are supposed to be torn down.

How many strays are being collected? Sheriff thought we generally collect ~30/yr, WAG thinks ~12-15/month

When animals are transferred between rescues or animal control, how to safely move them without risk of them getting loose? Sheriff suggested we could use the sally port associated with the jail.

If there is a shelter, could different agencies volunteer staff time to run it? Could the jail CREW help? How would we fund staff or supplies? Mark thinks that the Benjamin Phillips fund might help, as it supports charities in Clallam County and might be more available with upcoming organizational changes.

Mark said we need to define the need. Beth will start creating a business model plan we'll be able to break into individual questions or problems to solve.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Updates on items previously discussed
- Update on fairgrounds event planning
- Update on shelter needs model

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments were made.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 3:23 p.m.