**Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee (AAC) Minutes**

**July 15, 2025**

1. **Member Attendance**
	* 1. Patti Bright, Chair Present
		2. Ron Crigger Present
		3. Kelly Easterly Present
		4. Melissa Korzuch Present
		5. Eric Fagerholm Not Present
		6. Anthony Cleveland, Bureau Chief Present
		7. Laura Haufler Present
		8. Emine Rowe Present
		9. Noelle Shott Present
		10. Jen Cole Present
		11. Olivia LoBalbo Not Present
		12. Samantha Mir Present

1. **Citizens’ Time**
* Melinda Dolinger spoke about the Puppy shop and petition. Mr. Cleveland gave update on the progress made speaking with County Attorney. Conversation ensued with questions about permitting, state code change. Mr. Cleveland will follow-up on the question about grandfathering and sunsetting.
1. **Call to Order** – at 7:00 pm by Chair Easterly

1. **Approval of Previous *Minutes***
* Minutes from June meeting motion to approve by Ms. Haufler and second by Ms. Bright. Nay for Mr. Crigger. Approved as amended.
1. **Old Business**
* CTE: Ms. Bright shared an update that Mr. Justin Wilk, School Board member for Potomac District. He is willing to champion the effort and also write letters to the editor.
* Dog Licensing: Ms. Easterly shared an email from Mr. Fagerholm, that this will go in front of the BOCS on 29 July.
* Pet Stores: Special Guest Speaker Ms. Lisa Butler with Zoning spoke to the AAC.
	+ Four definitions in zoning: domesticated animals, Pet Care, Pet Grooming Services, and Pet Stores. Zoning is not responsible for regulations for the care of the animals. Special Use Permits mean they are not compatible and another level pf review should be placed on the business. The Zoning Office is working to re-write all zoning ordinances which will go through public hearing and to the BOCS. Ms. Bright provided information about what Fauquier County did about zoning for pet stores.
* Animal Welfare: Ms. Shott provided update. Provided as Enclosure (1).
* TNVR Code Change: Mr. Cleveland recommended to the AAC the following amendment to 4.5-1 impoundment of animals running at large: “Any animal, other than a dog, found running at large in the county, may be taken up by the animal control officer…”
	+ Ms. Shott made a motion to approve the language change. Ms. Cole seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
1. **New Business**
* Pet Shop- The AAC subcommittee will consolidate input from AAC members and present at next AAC. Those recommendations will be provided to Mr. Cleveland to provide to County staff.
* AAC email addresses- Ms. Korzuch requested AAC only communicates via email and not on text.
* Change.org petition- Ms. Easterly shared that there is a change.org petition that will go the BOCS. ([Petition · Implement the Directive to Prevent Puppy Shops in Prince William County - Manassas, United States · Change.org](https://www.change.org/p/implement-the-directive-to-prevent-puppy-shops-in-prince-william-county))
* Shelter Updates-
	+ Live Domestic Intake: 430
	+ Adopted: 269
	+ Redemptions: 78
	+ Adjusted Live Release: 90%
	+ Transferred to Rescue: 11

1. **Adjournment**
	* Mr. Crigger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Mir seconded the motion. Unanimous agreement.

Drafted by: Noelle Shott

Next Meeting: Aug 19, 2025 -- McCoart (Occoquan Room)

 Sep 16, 2025 -- McCoart (Occoquan Room)

 Oct 21, 2025 -- McCoart (Occoquan Room)

Enclosure 1: Animal Welfare

The following sites are scanned monthly:

* + Commonwealth Attorney Office questions and general inquiry email: cwoffice@pwcgov.org
	+ Track and report PWC Animal Abuse/ Cruelty Cases:
		- <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/police/arrests>
	+ Track Virginia judicial system cases
		- [Virginia Judiciary Online Case Information System (state.va.us)](https://eapps.courts.state.va.us/ocis/search)

