



Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 -- McCoart (Occoquan Room)

6:45 PM

I. Public Comment Time:

6:45 pm to 7:00 pm (15 minutes and a maximum of 3 mins. per person)

II. Roll Call (circle one by each name)

Kelly Easterly, Chair	Present	Not Present
Patti Bright, Vice Chair	Present	Not Present
Noelle Shott, Secretary	Present	Not Present
Eric Fagerholm, Sgt. of Arms	Present	Not Present
Laura Haufler	Present	Not Present
Melissa Korzuch -	Present	Not Present
Jen Cole	Present	Not Present
Ron Crigger	Present	Not Present
Emine Rowe	Present	Not Present
Olivia LaBalbo	Present	Not Present
Samantha Mir	Present	Not Present
Anthony Cleveland -	Present	Not Present

III. Approval of Minutes:

September 16, 2025

IV. Reports of Sub Committees:

- CTE update -
- Pet Stores –

V. Old Business:

- Approved By-laws (by-laws need to be updated).

Article 2, B – Membership – State Compliance – approved July 2023:

In compliance with the Virginia State Law (3.2-6546.B.2) each member of the committee shall sign a statement specifying that said member has never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment, as defined by Virginia Law and local ordinance. The signed declarations shall be maintained by the Animal Control Bureau Division Chief.

Article 7 – Quorum- approved July 2023:

If an active appointed member misses three consecutive monthly meetings beginning at the 3rd monthly meeting, and continuing throughout the period of their absence, the member shall not be counted when calculating the total number of members (the denominator) for the purposes of constituting quorum. Upon attendance at a future monthly meeting the member shall immediately be counted when calculating the total membership number of members.



- Mission Statement – approved March 2025:
To advise the Prince William Board of County Supervisors on improvements to policies, increase community outreach, seek outside resources for animal welfare initiatives, provide support as requested to Animal Services Bureau, alert the Board of County Supervisors to and providing information on issues of concern to Prince William County residents, and make recommendations to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors on programs, classes, and special events that will further assist Prince William County in providing the best possible animal welfare services to the community.
- AAC Appointee Terms – approved July 2023:
Co-terminus with the BOCS (4 years)
- Approved adding a wildlife representative to the membership – approved July 2023.
- Add livestock to the mission statement – approved Dec. 2024.
- AAC Policy Resolution Draft – November 2024.
- Animal Welfare Updates:
- Draft a resolution requesting the BOCS support Anthony's recommendations for pet shops. Include an attachment provided by the pet shop committee.

VI. New Business

Aversive Training Methodologies Discussion

1- Commitment to science: that each member of the committee be fully COMMITTED and onboard with modern science training (only positive reinforcement methodologies) and signing a pledge to only support such on behalf of the voiceless of PWC. If you need further information, happy to provide the science and stance of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior:

AVSAB-Humane-Dog-Training-Position-Statement-2021.pdf <https://share.google/vfRjntJBwLdYgPANT>

National Association of Veterinary Technicians:

Shock Collars: Barbaric, Ineffective, and Unacceptable - NAVTA

<https://share.google/wh5bO121pkOPA4OP1>

2- Creating a motion to only support positive reinforcement techniques to handle animals in our country moving forward, and to only engage trainers with recognized professional credentials from an independent testing body (CCPDT, IAABC or PPG). The current regulatory environment in training is so lax that anyone with a shock collar and a T-shirt can claim to be a trainer and possess zero credentials. Training a canine with intimidation, slip leads and shock collars only leads to fear response and a ticking bomb as it pertains to reactivity.

SHELTER UPDATES:

- Live Domestic Intakes –
- Adoptions –
- Redemptions -
- Transfers –
- Wildlife euth. –
- Adj. Live Release rate –



VII. Adjournment

Future Meetings of the AAC:

October 21, 2025, McCoart (Occoquan Room)
December 2, 2025 McCoart (Occoquan Room) 6:15 pm