

Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee (AAC) Minutes
December 2, 2025

I. Member Attendance

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

I. Call to Order – at 6:49 pm by Chair Easterly

II. Citizens' Time

- Brian McAndrews from Gainesville attended.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from October meeting motion to approve by Mr. Fagerholm and second by Ms. Mir. Mr. Crigger abstained.

IV. Reports of Subcommittees

- CTE: Mr. Cleveland provided information prior to the meeting that a representative from the PWCS stated that a Vet Tech program would be years away. It was unclear from this information on why the program is delayed or when the CTE program is slated to be put in place.
- Pet Stores: No update at this time on next steps with the Police Dept meeting with BOCS.

V. Old Business

- Animal Welfare: One (1) new animal cruelty cases in Oct. Enclosure (1) provides latest updates on the active cases. Ms. Shott sent an email to inquire with the Commonwealth Attorney Office on why they did not prosecute a felony case.
- Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release (TNVR) Code Change:

- Public Hearing held on Tues Oct 28th. BOCS approved the code change.
- Ms. Bright posed a question to the AAC members on how the County could educate more residents to stop abandoning animals. This could be a topic discussed at the next AAC meeting.
- Shelter Updates-
 - Live Domestic Intake: 331
 - Adopted: 216
 - Redemptions: 70
 - Adjusted Live Release: 92%
 - Transferred to Rescue: 27
 - Wildlife Euthanasia: 10%

VI. New Business

- Ms. Jen Cole resigned as the Gainesville representative.
- Ms. Haufler gave a presentation on the use of chronic stress.
 - Ms. Haufler explained her research on the physiological condition of chronic stress on the animals. Ms. Haufler is making a motion that the AAC members advocate for positive reinforcement techniques only. Ms. Mir made a second.
 - Discussion: Ms. Easterly, Ms. Bright, Ms. Shott, and Mr. Fagerholm discussed concerns over the motion to support positive reinforcement techniques only. They believe there are multiple types of training techniques. They believe the shelter can utilize different training techniques for the animal and make them more adoptable if positive reinforcement does not work.
 - Vote on the motion was: two (2) votes to approve and five (5) not in favor to only rely on positive reinforcement techniques.
- Mr. Fagerholm announced that 27 Jan is annual lobby day. Contact Mr. Fagerholm to get information.
- Mr. Fagerholm requested that the agenda includes member time.
- Mr. Fagerholm requests that if Mr. Cleveland can not attend, it would be important to have a substitute attend.
- Ms. Bright discussed the meeting that her and Ms. LoBalbo with Blue Ridge Wildlife and their interest in starting a mobile urgent care.
- Members should send email to Ms. Easterly to nominate themselves for office. The elections will be in Jan 26.
- Ms. Easterly listed the accomplishments of the AAC in 2025:
 - BOCS approved 3 year dog licensing
 - BOCS approved TNVR program and budget for the ACS
 - BOCS approved Code change to allow for TNVR
 - Progress is being made on pet shops

VII. Adjournment

- Mr. Crigger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Haufler seconded the motion. Unanimous agreement.

Drafted by: Noelle Shott

Next Meeting: Jan 20, 2026 -- 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/departments/police/arrests>
- Track Virginia judicial system cases
 - [Virginia Judiciary Online Case Information System \(state.va.us\)](https://www.sos.state.va.us/judiciary/)

Case No	Last Name	First Name	Filed Date	Arrest Date	Case Type	Class	Charge	Hearing	Disposition	Sentencing	References:
GC25011654-00	Barton	Dawn Marie	10/30/2025	6/27/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	2/10/2026			multiple arrests
GC25010724-00	KIRBY,	CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL	10/6/2025	10/3/2025	FELONY	Class 6	TORTURE ANIMAL CAUSING DEATH	11/12/2025	adjudicatory	NOLLE PROSEQUI	
GC25004878-00	WALKER	DANIELLE NIKIA	5/19/2025	3/15/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	9/22/2025	adjudicatory	NOLLE PROSEQUI	
GC25004799-00	BURTON II	LARRY JEROME	5/15/2025	3/15/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	9/22/2025	adjudicatory	GUILTY	
GC25004618-00	CAULFIELD	SVETLANA MIRONVA	5/12/2025	2/25/2025	FELONY	Class 6	TORTURE/MAIM DOG OR CAT	12/2/2025	Hearing		Multiple charges
GC25004916-00	O'Bannion	Malik Lee Dorsey	5/19/2025	5/16/2025	Felony	Class 6	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	3/11/2026	Jury Trial		
GC25004310-00	MADRID,	NATALIE	5/2/2025	4/25/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	ANIMAL CRUELTY	5/6/2026	Disposition	DEFERRED DISPOSITION	
GC25003913-00	PARKHURST	DAVID ALEX	4/23/2025	4/21/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	9/16/2025	Warrant for Arrest	CAPIAS	
GC25003342-00	Shulman-Englander	Aaron	4/7/2025	2/19/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	11/12/2025	Hearing		
CR24002917-00	SCOTT	ALBERT GORDON CHASE		5/17/2024	Felony	Class 6	TORTURE/MAIM DOG OR CAT	Jury set for 7/23/25		NOT GUILTY	