

Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee (AAC) Minutes
April 21, 2026

I. Member Attendance

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

I. Call to Order – at 6:51pm by Vice Chair Haufler

II. Citizens' Time

- No Citizens present.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from February Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve and Ms Bright seconded and received unanimous approval.
- Minutes from March will be voted on next month.

IV. Reports of Subcommittees

- CTE: Mr. Fagerholm shared that the School Board submitted their Strategic Plan and the CTE Program was not added. We will continue to advocate.
- Pet Stores: Ms. Haufler shared the USDA is collecting comments to update standards. Mr. Fagerholm shared that the VA state bill on pet stores failed, but that animal care non-profits continue to advocate at the state level. Mr. Cleveland stated there is no change on the pet stores code.

V. Old Business

- Animal Welfare: Two new cases in March. Both defendants have multiple misdemeanor animal cruelty charges. See Enclosure (1) for more details.
- Dog Licensing: No status update.

- Status of FY27 Budget: The final budget is being approved tonight 21 April and one (1) position that Foster Coordinator should be approved.

VI. New Business

- Shelter Statistics:
 - Live Intakes – 236
 - Adoptions – 136
 - Redemptions – 36
 - Transfer/Rescue – 7
 - Wildlife euth. – 16
 - Adj. live release – 88%

VII. Member Time

- Ms. Haufler organized a presentation by Ms. Crystal Sharlow- Schaefer, Director of Development for Working Dogs for Conservation.
 - [Home | Working Dogs for Conservation](#) the website communicates when they have openings for dogs.
 - Dog screening criteria page is here: <https://www.wd4c.org/new-dog-screening>
 - We protect wildlife and wild places by training rescue dogs into expert conservation canines and deploy them worldwide to make a difference.
 - Ecological Monitoring: Finding and protecting rare, threatened, and endangered species of animals and plants.
 - Biosecurity: Preventing, detecting, and stopping the spread of invasive species and disease.
 - Ending Wildlife Crime: Saving wildlife by stopping poaching and trafficking around the world.
 - Environmental Justice: Helping ensure equitable sharing of conservation benefits and environmental impacts.
- Ms. Korzuch requested that the agenda be sent out earlier than one day before the meeting. Requesting the AAC Chair send out communications in more advance. She requested that a reminder email to everyone on Sunday, so that we know by Monday at noon if we don't have a quorum that we cancel the meeting on Tuesday. Ms Haufler proposes that any board member that will not be present on the next AAC meeting reports to the Chair by the Sunday prior to the meeting, else their presence will be expected. Ms. Haufler will work with Ms. Mir on updating the process.

VIII. Adjournment

- Mr. Cleveland made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bright seconded the motion. Unanimous agreement.

Drafted by: Noelle Shott

Next Meeting: May 19, 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/department/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
GC26003145-00	MELIN	MATTHEW RYAN		3/30/2026	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	4/29/2026		
GC26003068-00	FAYAK	MICHELLE			MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	5/20/2026		
GC26001101-00	SIPE,	LAURIE J	2/3/2026	1/29/2026	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	4/22/2026		
GC26000248-00	BOLEY,	GARLAND WAYNE	1/7/2026		MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	4/27/2026	adjudicatory	
GC25013583-00	SOLIS-RAMOS,	PABLO EZEQUIEL	12/24/2025		MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	1/27/2026	adjudicatory	
GC25011654-00	Barton	Dawn Marie	10/30/2025	6/27/2025	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	2/10/2026	Guilty of multiple charges	
CR25002936-00	KIRBY,	CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL	10/6/2025	10/3/2025	FELONY	Class 6	TORTURE ANIMAL CAUSING DEATH	9/16/2026	Jury Trial	
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	11/18/2026	Jury Trial	
GC25004916-00	O'Bannion	Malik Lee Dorsey	5/19/2025	5/16/2025	Felony	Class 6	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	12/9/2026	Jury Trial	