

**Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee (AAC) Minutes**  
**Mar 19, 2024**

**I. Member Attendance**

1. Patti Bright, Chair	Present
2. Ron Crigger	Present
3. Kelly Easterly	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. Jen Cole	Not Present
11. Sheri Meier	Present
12. Olivia LoBalbo	Present

**II. Citizens' Time**

- No citizen present

**III. Call to Order** – at 6:46 pm by Chair Bright

**IV. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Mr. Fagerholm moved to approve and Mr. Crigger seconded.

**V. Old Business**

- Signing Compliance Statement
  - AAC Members signed compliance statement.
- Animal Welfare
  - No new animal cruelty cases this past month. See Enclosure for details.
- Listening Session:
  - When: Sat 6 April 2024, 1pm at the Animal Services Center
  - Who: Rescue Organizations in Prince William County
  - Why: To hear from the community to see how the AAC can support them
  - Future Listening Sessions could be scheduled to handle additional topics such as TNR
- Dog Licensing
  - Mr. Fagerholm and Mr. Cleveland worked together to draft changes to the PWC Code and with Ms. Rocio.

- Mr. Fagerholm made a motion to send the dog license proposed language to the Finance Director for their office to take the language from there. Motion Passed.
- Mr. Cleveland explained that the difference in funding being received with this new ability for owners to purchase 3yr license is negligible and should not negatively impact Animal Services annual budget.
- Zoning Pet Store Directive
  - Ms. Shott sent memorandum to Supervisor Boddye's Office. His office sent it to County Attorney. They are looking at the following actions:
    - 1) Changing code to allow Animal Control Officers to inspect Pet Stores
    - 2) Investigating how to update zoning and/ or code similar to other localities.
- Pitbull Subcommittee: Ms. Haufler provided an update on action points taken according to the priorities set for the pitbull subcommittee last Fall:
  - Spoke with 2 different galleries to create an art exhibition in late summer, with theme of pitbull awareness in order to fund a spay and neuter clinic for pitbull PWC residents.
  - Connected with Arts Council and met 2 artists that are willing to feature their art in the expo. As well as a school arts contact to bring students to participate.
  - Got information from tshirt fundraising company to help fundraising efforts for the initiative.
  - The subcommittee is still investigating ways to route funding to an outside 501c3 to handle donations for the spay and neuter clinic initiative.

## **VI. New Business**

- Roberts Rules of Order:
  - The AAC will follow the Roberts Rules of Order in order to have more efficient meetings and reduces arguments, because AAC members will be speaking directly to Chair by making a motion.
- Loudon County Non-Led Shot
  - Ms. Bright, Ms. LoBalbo, Mr. Cleveland are working to see how might the PWC Police use non-led shot by researching how Loudon County is implementing this ammunition.
    - Goal is to have non-led shot available to police officers
    - This adhoc committee will meet with the PWC Police Dept by end of April to understand how the Police Dept could move to this ammunition.
- Library Presentations
  - Ms. Bright will work on establishing a presentation series within the PWC Libraries
- Animal Service Center Restored Space

- Mr. Cleveland is working on receiving bids to complete the build for the restored space. This is larger space for farm animals and family of domesticated animals.
- PWC School Board
  - Encourage AAC members to their school board members contact their school board member to recommend to support establishing Veterinary Science Program within the PWC Career and Technical Education.
    - [Contact CTE Staff - Prince William County Public Schools \(pwcs.edu\)](https://pwcs.edu/contact-cte-staff)
    - [School Board - Prince William County Public Schools \(pwcs.edu\)](https://pwcs.edu/school-board)
- Raising Profile of AAC
  - Requesting members bring ideas to the April meeting on how we can raise the profile to hear from more citizens on how the AAC can help.
- Speaker Presentations
  - Requesting AAC members to bring ideas for speakers we could invite to present at AAC meetings for education purposes.
- Vote for Officer Elections
  - Chair: Motion Mr Crigger and seconded by Ms. Cole no objections unanimous – Patti Bright
  - Vice Chair: Motion by Ms Haufler and seconded by Mr. Fagerholm, no objections, unanimous – Kelly Easterly
  - Secretary: Motion by Ms. Fagerholm and seconded by Mr. Crigger, no objections, unanimous- Noelle Shott
  - Sgt of Arms: Motion by Ms Haufler and seconded by Ms. Shott, no objections, unanimous- Eric Fagerholm
- PWC Neighborhood Conference
  - Ms. LoBalbo participated in a neighborhood conference where they explain to residents how to safely co-exist with animals.
- BOCS Communication
  - Ms. Bright will present at the April AAC member the communication she would like to share the BOCS.
- Shelter Updates- Request if Mr Cleveland can provide wildlife euthanasia numbers and number of domestic euthanasia are aggressive reasons.
  - Live Domestic Intake: 187,
  - Reclaimed: 42,
  - Adopted: 161
  - Adjusted Domestic Euthanized: 12,
  - Transferred to Rescue: 5
  - Wildlife Intake: 11 (including DOAs)

## **VII. Adjournment**

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

Drafted by: Noelle Shott

Next Meeting: **Tuesday April 16 , 2024, 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM McCoart** (Powell's Creek)



## Enclosure 1: Animal Welfare

The following sites are scanned monthly:

- 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.courts.state.va.us/casenet/)

Case No	Last Name	First Name	Filed Date	Arrest Date	Case Type	Class	Charge	Hearing	Disposition	Sentencing
GC24003142-00	Ramos Ruiz	JOSE EDUARDO	3/12/2024	2/14/2024	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 2	INADEQ8 FOOD,H2O,SHLTER,VET 2+	5/15/2024		
GC24001467-00	OGLE	JOHN JAMES		01/30/2024	Felony	Class 6	TORTURE/MAIM DOG OR CAT	4/9/2024		
GC23014243-00	SCOTT	ALBERT GORDON CHASE	12/06/2023	11/29/2023	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	ANIMAL CRUELTY	3/21/2024		
	CULBERTSON,	ROBERT PATRICK		10/31/2023			ANIMAL CRUELTY			
GC23014392-00	HARRISON	TAYLOR NICOLE	11/6/2023	10/31/2023	MISDEMEANOR	CLASS 1	ANIMAL CRUELTY	1/15/2024	Deferred Disposition	
								1/4/2024		
GC23007242-00	Lurch	Machiko Ueda	6/28/2023	6/24/2023	MISDEMEANOR		Animal Cruelty	10/12/2023	NOLLE PROSEQUI	
GC23006468-00	Pearson	Avery Brooke	6/12/2023	11/22/2021	MISDEMEANOR		Abandonment of Animals	8/21/2023	NOLLE PROSEQUI	
GC23006472-00	Pearson	Avery Brooke	6/12/2023	11/22/2021	MISDEMEANOR		Abandonment of Animals	8/21/2023	NOLLE PROSEQUI	
CR23002139-00	Pierce	Frederick	5/26/2023		Felony	CLASS 6	Animal Cruelty	4/25/2024	Guilty	TBD
GC23003808-00	Crockett	Michole		4/5/2023	MISDEMEANOR		Animal Cruelty	5/31/2023	Guilt in Absentia	\$500 / \$130
								2/27/2024		
GC23002333-00	Sadoff	Tyler Alexander	2/28/2023	2/27/2023	Felony		Torture / Maim Dog or Cat	12/12/2023	CERTIFIED TO GRAND JURY	
GC23001346-00								7/11/2023		
GC23001347-00	Ingleton	Albert		2/1/2023	FELONY		CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:GENERALLY	5/31/2023	Guilty	\$531