

Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee (AAC) Minutes
Apr 16, 2024

I. Member Attendance

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

II. Citizens' Time

- Vegan Dragon talk about Animal Cruelty documented abuse for circus will be presenting a collection of 40K petitions to demand the ban of animals used in circus, rodeos, etc. Ms. Shott will reach out to Vegan Dragon to get references in order to draft a memo to the BOCS, thevegandragonlair@gmail.com. Her website is thevegandragon.com

III. Call to Order – at 7:21 pm by Chair Bright

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes

- We do not have a quorum so therefore approving March minutes.

V. Old Business

- Listening Session:
 - We are postponing the listening session due to lack of interest from the community.
 - We did encourage the rescue organizations to attend the AAC Citizen Time.
- Dog Licensing
 - No update
- Animal Welfare
 - One (1) new felony animal cruelty cases this month. And a felony animal cruelty case was dispositioned as no prosecution. Ms. Shott will follow-up with Commonwealth Attorney Office on the why the case was not prosecuted. See Enclosure for details.

- Members of the AAC met with Ms. Ashworth's Office on 22 March to discuss prosecution on animal cases. Ms. Ashworth said there are five (5) lawyers in her office that focus on cases. Ms. Ashworth recommended that the AAC work with the Police Dept to get more education on building case files. And Ms Ashworth recommended we look at how to educate the judges more on sentencing.
- HB62 Animal Cruelty Conviction List [HB62 | Virginia 2024 | Animal Cruelty Conviction List; established. | TrackBill](#)
- [VA HB62 | 2024 | Regular Session | LegiScan](#)
- Ms. Bright will invite Ms Welch to our next AAC meeting.
- Veterinary Science Program, PWC Career and Technical Education
 - Ms. Shott received this email back from Dr. Sarah Martin, Director CTE, "Thank you for your inquiry into the potential of implementing a veterinary science program in Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS). The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Support Team is researching/reviewing the program in its entirety; including job outlook (workforce development needs), requirements for: teacher credential/endorsement, classroom/lab space, and equipment; Work-Based Learning opportunities and partnership, and student certification opportunities and post-secondary education alignment.
Once the research/review is complete, the CTE Support Team will determine the next steps.
Again, I appreciate the inquiry and your interest in implementing a veterinary science program in PWCS."
 - Ms. Crigger should sign-up to speak at an upcoming School Board Meeting [School Board Meetings - Prince William County Public Schools \(pwcs.edu\)](#)
- Zoning Pet Store Directive
 - No update this month.
 - 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:
 - No update this month
 - 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

- Shelter Updates-
 - Live Domestic Intake: 265,
 - Reclaimed: 5,0
 - Adopted: 141
 - Adjusted Domestic Euthanized: 14,
 - Transferred to Rescue: 6
 - Wildlife Intake: 9

VII. Adjournment

- Ms. Haufler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cole seconded the motion.

Drafted by: Noelle Shott

Next Meeting: **Tuesday May 21, 2024, 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM McCoart** (Occoquan)

Enclosure 1: Animal Welfare

The following sites are scanned monthly:

- 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.courts.state.va.us/)

Case No	Last Name	First Name	Filed Date	Arrest Date	Case Type	Class	Charge	Hearing	Disposition
	Threat	Charlie Floyd	3/15/2024	3/12/2024	Felony	Class 6	TORTURE/MAIM DOG OR CAT	5/1/2024	
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 6/13/2024	NOLLE PROSEQUI
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