

ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 19, 2026
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.

Board Members Present

Kim Peckler
DeAnna Phillips
Brianna Wilson
Trina Argo
Ashlyn Albracht
Liriane Davis
Dena Hooley

Board Members Absent

Heathor Barker
Lisa Chick

Staff Present

Angelina Nguyen, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.

2. Citizen Appearances – None

3. General

- A. **Consider approval of the minutes from the November 5, 2025 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. (Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)**

A motion was made by Trina Argo and seconded by Kim Peckler to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously. Absent Heathor Barker, Lisa Chick

4. Reports and Presentations

- A. **Receive a report and discuss Animal Services' yearly reports for shelter operations from November 2025 to January 2026. (Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)**

Staff reported and presented the shelter operation for November 2025 to January 2026, highlighting that Burleson Animal Services handled 220 animals during this timeframe of November 2025 to January 2026. Of those, 136 were strays and 21

were owner surrenders. The shelter facilitated 123 adoptions and successfully reunited 66 pets with their owners. the shelter maintains a 99% live release rate, which is calculated based on the euthanasia of only healthy and adoptable animals.

Animal Control Officers issued 80 warnings during the reporting period. Volunteer participation continues to grow, with volunteers contributing 129 hours of service. The shelter also attended 22 outreach events and welcomed 980 visitors. During November 2025 to January 2026, there was a total of 53 euthanized animals. In which, 25 animals were humanely euthanized due to medical conditions, and 27 due to behavioral concerns.

Committee asked how staff managed attending 22 events logistically in just 3 months without a trailer and when did Burleson Animal Services start their free adoptions for dogs. Staff responded with the Burleson Animal Services has a partnership with Municipal Animal Services who helps the Burleson Shelter attend local function and conduct off-site adoption events utilizing Municipal's adoption trailer. In addition, the fees for adoptable dogs have been waived for the last 2-3 years due to the shelter being over capacity on dogs.

B. Receive a report and discuss the adoption trailer update. (Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

The trailer is still in production by Renown Cargo Trailers but should be finished and delivered in the Spring 2026.

Committee asked staff about the dimensions of the trailer and if the trailer will be used to transport animals in. Staff responded with the trailer being 70 ft long with a total of 7 kennels, big enough to fit a 65–80-pound dog comfortably. The kennels are also able to be divided in half to make 14 kennels for smaller dogs or puppies. The trailer will be able to transport the dogs with food, water, and a generator for air conditioning and heating.

C. Receive a report and discuss the migratory bird prevention efforts. (Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff reported on the success of the 2025 deterrent methods and egret patrols with a sighting of only one egret that was only seen flying past the house. Burleson's Citizens on Patrol also helped distribute flyers in December to Burleson Residents, CityFest event, and City employees.

Committee asked staff if March was the time for nesting season for egrets and if there was any current egret nest in Burleson. Staff explained that egrets will start

flying and migrating in February and begin nesting from March to April and that there are no current notifications on egrets within the city limits of Burleson.

D. Summary of animal services community outreach efforts. (Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff provided an update on outreach events attended by shelter staff, including Pictures with Clifford at the Library, Pups in Park (a collaboration with our Parks Department), Clifford attending weekly visits at Mustang Creek Estates and Morada Assisted Living with Officer Brennan Jones, CityFest, and the “Adoptable Pet of the Quarter” presentations at City Council meetings. In addition, staff provided off-site adoption events in partnership with Everman Animal Services assisting with Burleson Animal Services to promote adopting animals to help address shelter’s overpopulation, where Everman attended CityFest, PetSmart adoption events, and local Farmers Market.

Committee asked what are the offsite adoption like and what kind of parks does the Park department go to for the Pups in Park video segment. Staff stated that Municipal Animal Services assist the Burleson Animal Services (BAS) by taking the adoptable dogs at BAS to any local off-site adoption event and publicizing both animal shelters. In addition, the Park Department went to Hidden Vista Park but the Parks Department have plans to tour all of the parks in Burleson. The collaboration with the Burleson Animal Shelter and the Burleson Parks Department helps promote the beautiful parks in the city while promoting the available shelter animals find a home.

E. Summary of the fundraisers held for the Animal Shelter (Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff provided a summary of the animal shelter’s recent fundraisers, including the 2026 calendars that are currently on sale, Clifford shirts, and the possibility of doing the Poorly Drawn Pets contest again.

Committee asked staff how much are the 2026 pet calendars, if the city have any plans to expand the shelter, how the shelter is preparing for the influx of citizens coming in, and if Burleson Animal Services have tried reaching out to local rescue groups to help with the overpopulation in the shelter. The staff responded with the calendar price of \$20 which all goes into our injured animal funds (ex: heartworm treatment or any amputation of the limb). In addition, the city and the shelter have no plans on expanding the shelter due to funding needed to build a new shelter or an additional shelter building. The staff also explained that the shelter is trying their best to prepare for the population increase and have been doing the best that they can as of right now. Burleson Animal Service have tried numerous times

to reach out to rescue groups and organizations to help with the overcapacity of animals at the shelter but majority of rescue groups and shelters are full and can not take in any animals.

5. Community Announcements

None

6. Board Requests for future agenda items or reports

None

7. Adjourn

Time – 6:01 p.m.

Angelina Nguyen, Recording Secretary