ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 16, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
Kim Peckler	Heathor Barker
DeAnna Phillips	Liriane Davis
Lisa Chick	Brianna Wilson
Dena Hooley	Trina Argo
Ashlyn Albracht	
Dr. Ryan Camp	

Staff Present

Angelina Nguyen, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 p.m.

2. **Citizen Appearances** – None

3. **General**

   A. Consider approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2026, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

   A motion was made by Dena Hooley and seconded by Lisa Chick to approve the minutes as presented.

   Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Reports and Presentations**

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

   Kim presented the Animal Services report for February through May 2026. During this period, the shelter handled 505 animals, including 297 strays and 88 owner surrenders. The shelter facilitated 139 adoptions, reunited 74 pets with their owners and reported a 99% live release rate for healthy and adoptable animals. Animal Control Officers issued 80 warnings, volunteers contributed 167 service hours and the shelter participated in 17 outreach events and welcomed 1,305 visitors.

   Board members asked about the intake of animals other than dogs and cats, adoption interest lists and owner surrender procedures. Staff explained that other companion animals are received infrequently and that the shelter

maintains adoption interest records and works with animal-specific rescue organizations.

Staff also discussed the owner surrender waitlist, which currently includes more than 30 residents. Surrenders are scheduled as space becomes available. Common reasons for surrender include relocation, limited resources and financial hardship. To help residents keep their pets, the shelter offers pet food assistance to qualifying households experiencing financial difficulties.

B. Receive a report and discuss the Mobile Adoption Trailer. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

Staff reported that the new Mobile Adoption Trailer has been delivered and was used for its first off-site adoption event during Sprouts' first anniversary celebration. The trailer is currently being wrapped with sponsor recognition and is expected to be used for off-site adoption events at least once a month to increase adoption opportunities.

Board members asked about the trailer's features, animal transportation and safety procedures. Staff explained that the trailer is equipped with a generator to provide heating and air conditioning during transportation and events. The trailer includes seven kennels designed for larger dogs that can be divided into 14 smaller kennels for smaller dogs or puppies.

For safety purposes, only shelter staff and volunteers will be permitted inside the trailer. Animals will be brought outside by staff when a potential adopter expresses interest, helping reduce stress on the animals and maintain a controlled environment. Staff anticipate the trailer wrap will be completed within the next few weeks.

C. Receive a report and discuss Migratory Bird Prevention Efforts. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

Kim reported on the continued success of the city's 2025 egret deterrence efforts, noting that no rookeries were established during the nesting season. Animal Services staff continued implementing deterrent measures throughout the season to discourage nesting activity.

Staff also reported that the city received a federal depredation permit authorizing the removal of certain egret nests containing eggs under specific conditions. Board members asked about the nesting season and permit requirements. Staff explained that scouting birds typically begin arriving in January or February, with nesting activity beginning in March or April.

The depredation permit is valid for one year and requires annual renewal. Staff also confirmed that the city maintains a separate permit authorizing the collection of deceased egrets.

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

Staff provided an update on outreach events attended by shelter staff; including career day presentations at the local elementary schools, the "Adoptable Pet of the Quarter" presentations at City Council meetings, Pups and Park with the Burleson Parks Department, and pet therapy visits with Clifford and other animals at the Burleson Public Safety Communications Department. Staff also participated in offsite adoptions events and celebrated Clifford's 6th birthday at Mustang Creek Estates and Morada Assisted Living. Staff discussed outcome of the Adoptapalooza event on April 30 where all pets' adoptions were free and how 6 animals (3 dogs and 3 cats) were able to find their forever 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 were on sale and sold out within a couple of days. In addition, on August 14, the Burleson Animal Shelter will be hosting their 3rd Annual Charity Night at La Moderna Field at The Depot at Cleburne Station where every ticket that is purchase through the Burleson Animal Shelter page or the City of Burleson page, the shelter will get $5 every ticket bought. If people want to sit in the same section as the shelter staff, they will be seated in section 108. People are also welcome to pre-order shirts to celebrate the Cleburne Railroader event.

5. Community Announcements

None

6. Board Requests for future agenda items or reports

None

7. Adjourn

Time – 6:03 p.m.