



Animal Welfare Committee Minutes

December 15, 2025 4:00 PM

Regional Animal Shelter, Training Room, 21001 E. M-78 Hwy., Independence, MO 64057

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Cody Atkinson.

Members present were Linda Pringle, Linda Humphrey, Tamara Huff, Ted Luce, Terri Hoeflicker, Cody Atkinson, and Rachel Eis.

Staff present were Christina Heinen and Christine Blank.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Terri to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Tamara; approved by all present at 4:03 pm

DATA REVIEW

Members reviewed the shelter data related to adoptions and intakes from January 2025 - November 2025. Discussion on adoption events and closure of Petland.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Cody stated that he would like a lead identified for each subcommittee, and the group discussed the mission/goals for the Animal Welfare Committee. The group discussed SB5 and SB572, the Confiscation bill, and pre-emption on outlawing declawing of cats.

Communication subcommittee: Tamara talked to some of the HOAs. Christina offered presentations to these groups by staff if given notice.

Volunteer subcommittee: Rachel volunteered to be the lead for the subcommittee.

Legislative subcommittee: Cody Atkinson provided an update regarding puppy mills, abuse, cross-training for mandated reporting.

Fundraising subcommittee: Group is continuing to work on a 501c3 being created; plans are in the works for a doggy fashion show in April (possibly April 11 or 18).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Rachel to adjourn; seconded by Ted. Approved by all at 5:16 pm. Next meeting scheduled for March 9 at 4 pm.