

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 30th, 2025 - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Animal Services Conference Room (space limited)

511 W 3900 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84123

Meeting Recording:

<https://slco.webex.com/slco/ldr.php?RCID=feb0336ddc6101e639ee7ae18bb4724a>

MEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Dustin Gettel – Midvale

Dea Theodore – Salt Lake County Council

Rita Lund – Millcreek

Linda Price – White City

Grant Crowell – Bluffdale

Jeff Bossard – Brighton

Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon

Brian Wright – Murray

Juli Ulvestad – Industry Expert

Holly Smith – Holladay

Jared Steffey (alt) – Salt Lake County Mayor

Alan Peterson – Kearns

Members Absent:

Kevin Severson – Copperton

Scott Baird – Salt Lake County Mayor

Audrey Pierce – Magna

Carmen Bailey – Salt Lake City

Non-Members Present:

Talia Butler – Salt Lake County Animal Services

Carrie Sibert – Salt Lake County Animal Services

Karl Carpenter – Salt Lake County Animal Services

Jami Johanson – Salt Lake County Animal Services

Kiera Packer – Salt Lake County Animal Services

Larry Suggars – Salt Lake City Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL – Dustin Gettel, Chair

- **Welcome new member Dea Theodore representing Salt Lake County Council.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Please state name & jurisdiction.

Larry Suggars, Salt Lake City. Larry explained he is following up from the previous Advisory Committee meeting discussion regarding senior discounts on residential chicken permits. Larry explained he feels there should be a discount for seniors seeking permits to own chickens and explained his reasoning behind the request.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1. Approval of 11-14-24 Meeting Minutes

Rita motioned, Linda Price seconded, all say aye.

3.2. Vote for Chair and Vice Chair

Rita Lund motioned to nominate Dustin Gettel for Chair, Gary Bowen seconded. All say aye.

Dustin Gettel motioned to nominate Rita Lund for Vice-Chair, Gary Bowen seconded. All say aye.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Online Open Meetings Act Training

- <https://training.auditor.utah.gov/courses/open-and-public-meetings-act-training-2025>
All members in attendance participated in the online open meetings act training and completed the training.

4.2. Follow-up Discussion on Discounts for Residential Permits, Talia Butler, Division Director, Karl Carpenter, Field Manager

Talia Butler explained the various fees associated with chicken permits from all jurisdictions in Salt Lake County including what department manages them. Talia explained that the permits are primarily a land use issue in most jurisdictions depending on the zoning laws where the resident lives. Talia explained that if there is a discount applied it may affect other permits that fall under residential permits such as accessory buildings, dangerous dog, etc. Carrie Sibert explained that Salt Lake County Animal Services only manages chicken permits for a few of the jurisdictions we serve as most jurisdictions has a different department that manages them. So, if a discount is applied it would only affect Salt Lake City, Millcreek, and the newly formed cities that are part of the GSLMSD. Karl Carpenter explained why there is a permitting process outlining items such as ensuring ordinance regulations are met, ensuring proper care and maintenance in accordance to ordinance requirements, tracking of domestic fowl in the community to monitor disease and public health, and holding the chicken owners accountable to comply with regulations to reduce nuisance concerns. Karl also explained common concerns and nuisance complaints Animal Services encounters when residents own chickens. Karl explained the permitting funds go toward shelter accommodations allowing Animal Services to house and care for domestic fowl and other types of livestock when impounding is necessary as well as staffing to manage permits and inspections.

Talia explained that Animal Services will schedule a meeting between Salt Lake City, Animal Services, and Larry Suggars to discuss the discount request.

4.3. Pet Retention Program, Jami Johanson, Communications & PR Manager, Kiera Packer, Special Programs Coordinator

Kiera Packer outlined Animal Services new Pet Retention Program that aids residents experiencing pet issues that can be resolved through actions such as behavioral training. These efforts help keep the pets in the home rather than relinquish to a shelter. Kiera showed the committee photos of some of the animals we have been able to help through the program's efforts. Residents, or if a city needs to refer someone to the program, they can access it through the Animal Services website under programs.

4.4. Division Updates, Talia Butler, Division Director

Talia went over upcoming free feline fix events. Talia also highlighted that staff attended an in person active shooter/killer training and will participate in an active live training event at the shelter. Talia went over current legislative bills that relate to Animal Services. Talia provided updates on various other projects including the PAWS mobile clinic, purchasing an outbuilding to provide more kennel space, remodeling of the lobby area, and updates on the Animal Care Campus efforts.

Talia highlighted a story of a dog that was adopted from Animal Services that has traveled the world with his new owner.

5. MEMBER REPORTS

5.1. Updates from member's jurisdictions that may impact Animal Services.

- Alan Peterson – Kearns - none
- Grant Crowell – Bluffdale - none
- Rita Lund – Millcreek -Encountering quite a few elk and deer in the community.
- Dustin Gettel – Midvale – Dustin provided a 1-year adoption update of a dog he adopted from our agency.
- Carmen Bailey – Salt LakeCity – N/A

- Holly Smith – City of Holladay – Provided a thank you for sending contract costs early in the year.
- Lt. Brian Wright – Murray - none
- Kevin Severson – Copperton – N/A
- Jeff Bossard – Brighton - none
- Linda Price – White City – Provided an update on a dog at large issue they have been dealing with, they are amending their ordinance to help alleviate issues and thanked Animal Services for their efforts.
- Audrey Pierce – Magna – N/A
- Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon - none
- Scott Baird – Salt Lake County Mayor - none
- Dea Theodore – Salt Lake County Council – Appreciative of all Animal Services efforts and highlighted issues she has observed in her area such as dog walkers with an excessive number of dogs.
- Juli Ulvestad – Industry Expert – Thanked Kiera and Jami and the pet retention program. Offered presentations to our Officers on programs the Utah Humane Society offers. Juli asked if there are efforts in place on animals being surrendered in relation to deportation of owners. Talia stated at this time we haven't seen any impact in Animal Services' intake due to deportation. Talia and Juli will set up a separate meeting to discuss these concerns.

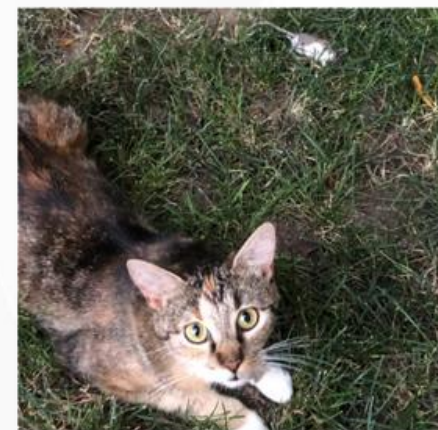
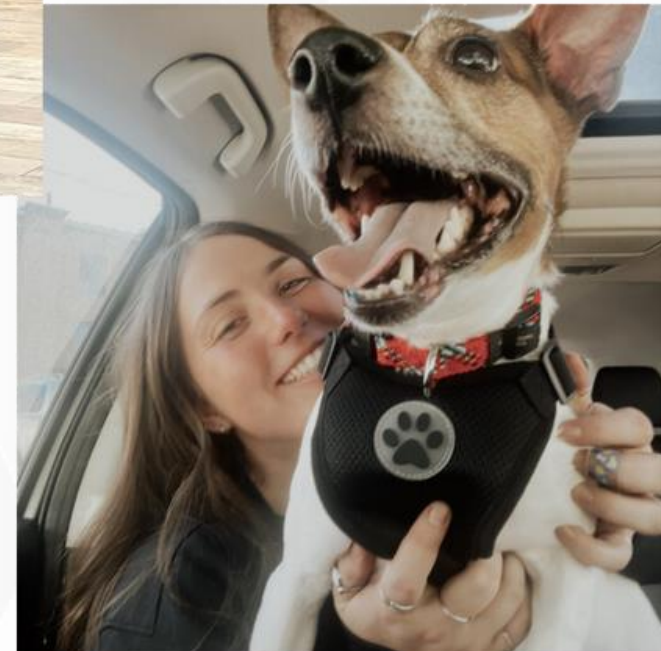
6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on potential deportation impacts.
- Dog walkers with excessive numbers of dogs.
- Review of outdated ordinances that need revision.
- 2025 Events

ADJOURN

Dea Theodore motioned to adjourn, Linda Price seconded. All say aye.

PET RETENTION PROGRAM





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Feb. 6th & 20th

Feline Fix

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
NO WALK-INS**



**PROVIDES: SPAY/NEUTER,
VACCINATIONS AND MICROCHIP**

**OPEN TO ALL SALT LAKE COUNTY
RESIDENTS.**



STAFF TRAINING



LEGISLATION

[HB 97 emergency shelter](#)

[SB 24 child abuse, and torture amendments](#)

[SB 77 public safety animals](#)

[SB101 dog related liability](#)



PROJECTS

MOBILE UNIT

OUTBUILDING

LOBBY ADOPTIONS REMODEL

ANIMAL CARE CAMPUS





SLCoAS Furry Family

Ana Sorensen · 6d · 

Not sure if anyone remembers Jasper – he was adopted way back in February '20, which feels like a lifetime ago to us! My husband's job took us to Switzerland for most of last year, and we thought his shelter buddies might get a laugh out of seeing all his crazy adventures. He was SUCH a good boy – he survived international flights, hanging out in restaurants, a detour into a museum, so many gondola and train trips, and getting laughed at by plenty of French people in Paris. Definitely could not have imagined any of it when we adopted him haha. We love our little buddy so much!







