

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 24th, 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=d14f1190ec6096c350fc5f9982f00a83>

Members in Attendance:

Rita Lund – Millcreek
Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon
Kevin Severson – Copperton
Grant Crowell – Bluffdale
Jeff Bossard – Brighton

Holly Smith – Holladay
Linda Price – White City
Scott Baird – Salt Lake County Mayor
Dea Theodore – Salt Lake County Council
Juli Ulvestad – Industry Expert

Non-Members in Attendance:

Carrie Sibert – SLCO Animal Services
Talia Butler - SLCO Animal Services
Jami Johanson - SLCO Animal Services

Karl Carpenter - SLCO Animal Services
Issac Higham – Salt Lake County
Chrystal Butterfield – Kearns

Members Absent:

Dustin Gettel – Midvale
Alan Peterson- Kearns

Brian Wright – Murray
Audrey Pierce - Magna

MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL – Dustin Gettel, Chair**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2-minute limit) – Please state name & jurisdiction.**

None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3.1. [Approval of 1-30-25 Meeting Minutes](#)

Dea Theodore motioned, Scott Baird seconded. All say aye.

4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1. **Discussion on Dog Walkers with Excessive Number of Dogs**, Karl Carpenter, Field Manager
 - [County Title 8 ordinance on commercial dog walkers](#) vs. City Ordinances comparison

Karl Carpenter explained that Salt Lake County's title 8 ordinance does have an ordinance addressing commercial dog walker limiting the number of dogs a walker can handle. At this point only County's title 8 ordinance addresses this while city ordinances does not currently have it clarified in their ordinances. Karl not only would like to further make clarifications and update the county's ordinance but also recommended that cities add this language in their city ordinance so enforcement can be done within their jurisdictions and address common complaints we receive. Animal Services receives complaints that dog walkers are attempting to handle excessive numbers of dogs and there are concerns over the handler maintaining complete control of the animals.

Karl will draft an update to this existing county ordinance to make further clarifications addressing e-collars, defining physical leash requirements, and opening it up to all dog walkers not just commercial. Once a draft update is prepared it will be shared with the committee for review and so the cities can look into adopting the same once it's updated in County ordinance or adopt their own similar ordinance.

4.2. 2025 Events, Jami Johanson, Communications & PR Manager

Jami Johanson went over events we had already attended in 2025 as well as giving an overview of future events we are planning on attending and hosting including updates on our annual Petapalooza adoption event and this year's Spaghetti Gala.

Jami also asked the cities that if there are any other events they'd like us to attend to let us know. Jami requested that they give us at least a couple week's notice prior to the event so we can ensure we are able to attend.

4.3. Division Updates, Talia Butler, Division Director

Talia Butler went over a few updates including winning Best of State for the 17th time. Animal Services is working on integrating an AI chatbot on our website. The chatbot will help answer common questions citizens may have when visiting our website. Once the chatbot is fully trained and able to help answer questions correctly it will launch. The AI chatbot is ran by the county's IT team and may be available to the County as a whole.

Talia also shared that as a partner to Petco Lost Love they are enhancing their pet facial recognition technology that can help reunite owners with their lost pets. Owners can upload a photo of their pet along with information and the technology will compare it to shelter pets in their area.

Talia updated the committee that the county is using a new pay for performance evaluation program. At this time they have not attached pay to it yet and are only doing evaluations. This is the first year of the new program to test the system out. Next year the pay component will be integrated.

Lastly Talia announced that at the beginning of this year Animal Services launched a newly designed adoption program with dedicated adoption counselors and with it the front lobby will be remodeled to include a new adoption space. This will help improve interactions with customers and increase our adoption numbers. This will also help separate customers seeking enforcement assistance and those seeking adoption. Talia let us know we are working on still obtaining an overflow kennel space and researching potential adoption center space at the County's new government center space at the coliseum, and the overwhelming successes of the PAWS mobile clinic.

Carrie Sibert explained how the PAWS clinics are currently fully booked, and it is conducting 1-2 clinics per week. Members asked what can help it go more frequently to provide more appointments. Talia explained that if there is staffing and more funding, we would be able to provide more clinics.

5. MEMBER REPORTS

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

- Alan Peterson – Kearns – [Chrystal Butterfield](#), none
- Grant Crowell – Bluffdale - none
- Rita Lund – Millcreek - none
- Dustin Gettel – Midvale – n/a
- Vacant – Salt Lake City
- Holly Smith – City of Holladay - none
- Lt. Brian Wright – Murray- n/a
- Kevin Severson – Copperton – Kevin asked is the PAWS clinic provides vaccinations. Carrie explained yes, everyone who has an appointment will receive full vaccines, sterilization, and microchips. Kevin also explained the residents are concerned about the deer population; they are working with DWR to help manage this.
- Jeff Bossard – Brighton - none
- Linda Price – White City – Linda provided an update that the 2 dogs at loose issue they had been dealing with has been resolved so she wanted to say thank you to Animal Services and UPD.
- Audrey Pierce – Magna – n/a

- Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon – Gary explained that he will share the dog walker information to Emigration Canyon’s city council.
- Scott Baird – Salt Lake County Mayor – Scott provided an update on his experience at the Animal Care expo.
- Dea Theodore – Salt Lake County Council – Dea agreed that updating the dog walker ordinance will be beneficial and asking the cities to join and is great that the PAWS program is successful.
- Juli Ulvestad – Industry Expert – Juli also shared her experience at the Animal Care Expo and shared that one of the classes she attended was the emergency response course, so she would like to work with us to ensure emergency plans are cohesive. Juli also asked if we could appoint a representative for CART a local disaster animal response team. Talia has been in contact with them and stated that yes, we would like to have a staff member with them. Juli asked if we have had any experience with the mass deportation and surrendering of animals related to that. Talia explained that so far, we haven’t seen an influx related to this but if we do notice any, we can let Juli know.
Juli also let us know that Petco Lost Love offers no cost vaccines, Talia stated we will look into this program.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Animal Services Projects
- Spayghetti Gala updates and auction items

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Kevin Severson motioned; Gary Bowen seconded. All say aye.

2025 EVENTS

SAL LAKE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES



2025 Past Events:

- License & Microchip event at Petsmart in Murray
- Bingo fundraiser at T.F. Brewing
- Licensing event in Holladay City
- Doxy Derby at Millcreek Commons
- Handlebar Adoption Event - Salt Lake City
- Spring into Love Adoption Event & East Bunny pictures
- License & Microchip at the Easter Bone Event in Murray
- Return the Love event at Mark Miller Subaru



TATS FOR CATS

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Fallen Angel Tattoos

April 26th
11am - 6pm



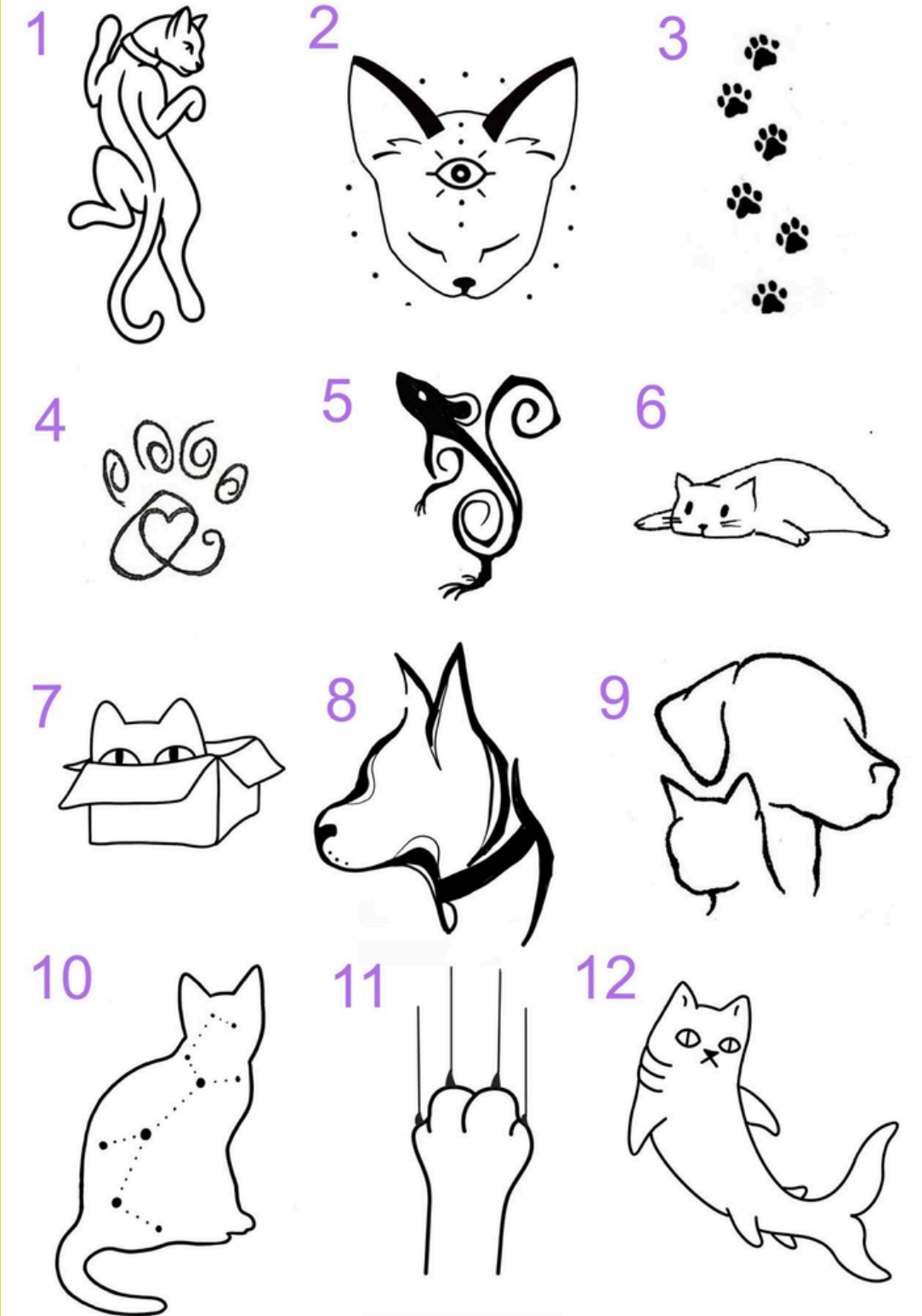
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Pricing: \$70

This will be a walk in event

Tats for Cats 2025



APRIL 26TH - THE KEARNS COMMUNITY EVENT

MAY 20TH - BLUFFDALE LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE EVENT

JUNE 12TH - YAPPY HOUR FAIRMONT PARK IN SLC

JUNE 21ST - CANINE CARNIVAL EVENT AT CAMP BOW WOW

**AUGUST 3RD - ANNIVERSARY/CUSTOMER APPRECIATION
EVENT AT HEALTHY PETS MOUNTAIN WEST**



**AUGUST 14TH -
YAPPY HOUR
AT PIONEER PARK**



PETAPALOOZA

2 DAY ADOPTION EVENT

September 12th & 13th
Historic Wheeler Farm

13 RESCUE & 4 SHELTER GROUPS

OVER 50 VENDORS & 5 FOOD TRUCKS

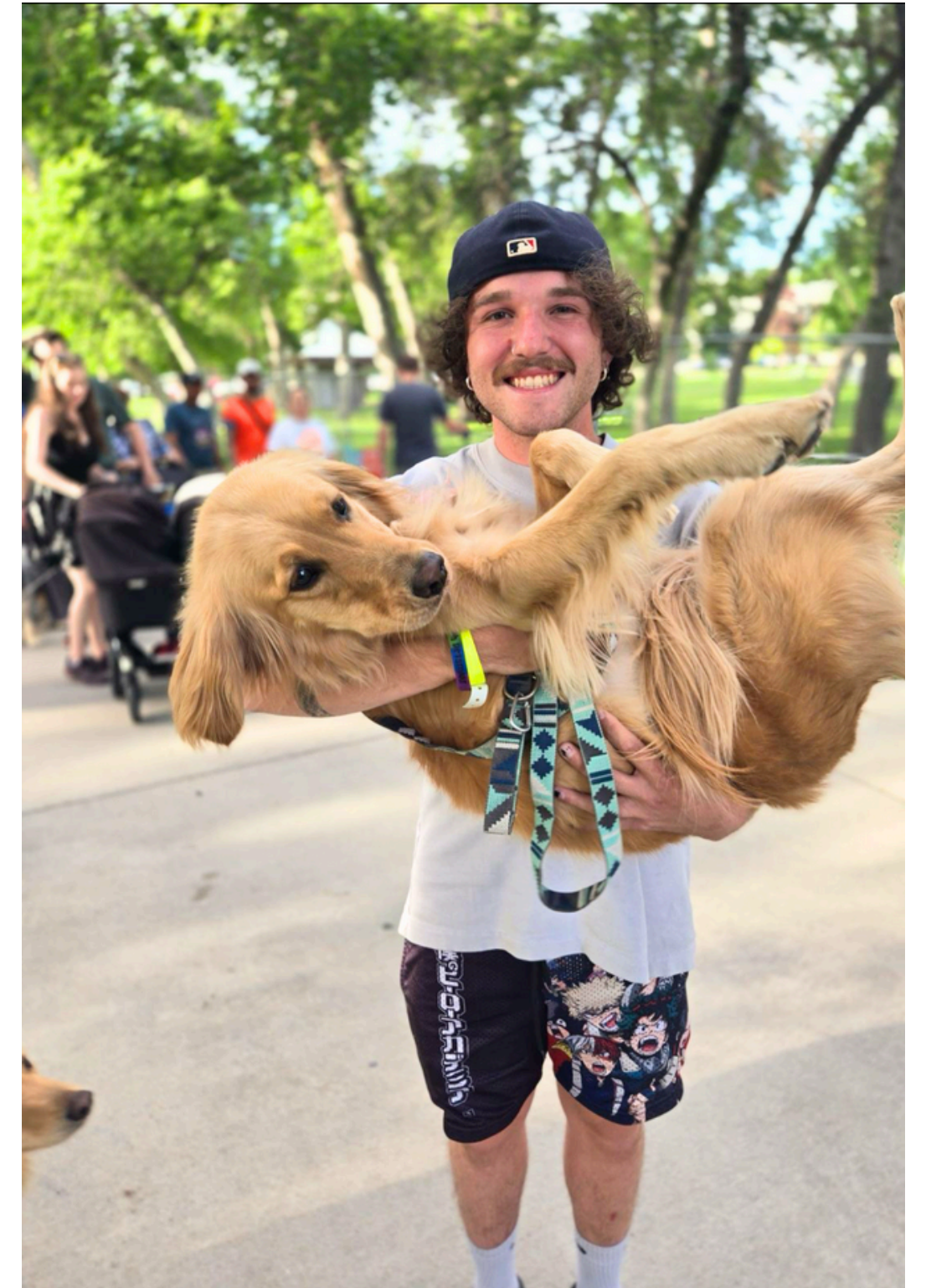
GOAL OF 200 + PET ADOPTION



September 21st - Suba Blue Golf Scramble at Old Mill Golf Course/Mark Miller Subaru Golf Tournament



OCTOBER 9TH - YAPPY HOUR AT JORDAN PARK IN SLC



SPAYGHETTI GALA

October 10th - Downtown Sheraton Hotel



Dinner, Drinks, D.J., Dinner, Games, Puppies,
Kittens, Silent Auction & Live Auction!

MAKE A DOG'S DAY

October 18th



GIVING TUESDAY

December 2nd

Bjorn's Brew & Big Willies

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS EVENT

October
11th



Adoption Event
&
Professional Santa Claus
Pictures

