

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 30th, 2026 - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Animal Services Auditorium

511 West 3900 South

Millcreek, UT 84123

Meeting Recording:

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MEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Lyndsay Longtin – Kearns
Grant Crowell – Bluffdale
Thom DeSirant – Millcreek
Dustin Gettel – Midvale
Nick Frederick – Salt Lake City
Lt. Kip Davies – Murray

Jonathan Pratt – Copperton
Linda Price – White City
Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon
Jared Steffey – Salt Lake County Mayor (Alternate)
Dea Theodore – Salt Lake County Council
Patrick Theobald – Industry Expert

Non-Members in Attendance:

Carrie Naylor – Salt Lake County Animal
Services
Talia Butler – Salt Lake County Animal Services

Jami Johanson – Salt Lake County Animal Services
Lorin Colby – Kearns
Rita Lund - Millcreek

Members Absent:

Holly Smith – City of Holladay

Jeff Bossard – Town of Brighton

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

- Welcome new member Jonathan Pratt with Copperton and Kip Davies with Murray.
Members took roll call and new members introduced themselves to the group.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT & ALTERNATE MEMBER REPORTS – Please state name & jurisdiction. None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1. Approval of 4-30-26 Meeting Minutes
Thom DeSirant motioned, Lyndsay Longtin seconded. All say aye.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. **Animal Services Budget Items**, Talia Butler, Division Director

Talia provided a summary of the County's budget process and explained the budget items Animal Services is requesting including 3 funding options of the PAWS mobile clinic program, pulling donation funds from our designated injured animal fund for use of providing treatment for injured animals the shelter receives, and funding for our capital projects. Talia explained that Animal Services is not anticipating a significant increase in contract prices to our cities only a nominal market and salary increase.

Members asked how they can get information on the PAWS program for citizens. Carrie will send the committee the email to contact the program to schedule an appointment. Talia explained how the services are available to all county residents and the high interest from the public for the program. Talia also explained to the committee if they are in support of the program and it is approved in the Mayor's budget by the Mayor they can share their support to the county council during discussions.

4.2. Division Updates, Jami Johanson, Associate Division Director

Jami went over upcoming events such as Petapalooza and our upcoming Furever Gala, formerly known as Spayghetti. The gala has been revamped with a new mission to raise funds to improve shelter conditions for adoptable animals to increase adoptions and provide better living conditions for the animals in our care. Animal Services is hoping to raise enough funds to redo the adoptable dog kennels into more room style suites. Jami shared 2 videos, one showing a social media post sharing the gala's goal, raise awareness, and gather sponsorships and the other video from Sand Diego humane to show an example of the kennels we are hoping to build. Jami went over the gala's goals, where we are on fundraising goals, and auction item baskets requests from our cities for the event.

Links to fundraising video:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CwWTwondX/>

Jami also explained how our agency has been able to maintain the capacity of animals in our shelter while still being able to pull adoptable pets from other shelters and partner agencies through our transport program. This program not only helps the other shelters to prevent overcrowding and provide adoption options for the pets we intake.

5. MEMBER REPORTS

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

- Lyndsay Longtin – Kearns - Lyndsay explained that she was going over recent reports and asked what our staff would consider to best reflect our agency's success and average cost per day to care for the animals. Talia explained the dedication of our staff is a key piece that contributes to our success and explained the average cost per day is around \$22-23 per day but can vary depending on case circumstances such as court holds. Lyndsay also requested a separate meeting to go over questions she has for Kearns, a meeting will be coordinated.
- Grant Crowell – Bluffdale – Grant thanked Animal Services in response to a severe case that recently transpired in Bluffdale
- Thom DeSirant – Millcreek – Thom explained that they are looking forward the upcoming PAWS event in October at Millcreek Commons and thanked Animal Services for providing park patrols to help curb the off-leash dog concerns in parks.
- Dustin Gettel – Midvale – Dustin explained that due to heat concerns they are postponing their Harvest Days event. Dustin explained he was contacted by Senator Plumb with questions about fee waivers and an interest in running a bill to allow for fee waivers. Talia explained that Animal Services has been working internally on programs to address these same issues as well as prevention resources. Talia explained the difference between fees and ordinance penalties. Talia explained that ordinances prevent waiving penalties so we are working on potential options either at the state level or in ordinance that can provide waiving or reducing options for penalties in certain qualifying cases. Linda suggested that legislature also provide funding to help cover the revenue loss gap that may be impacted due to loss in fee revenue.
- Nick Frederick – Salt LakeCity – Nick thanked Talia for working on the reunification program. Nick explained that the city is looking at potentially adding new off leash areas.
- Holly Smith – City of Holladay – N/A
- Lt. Kip Davies – Murray - None
- Jonathan Pratt – Copperton - None
- Jeff Bossard – Brighton – N/A
- Linda Price – White City – Linda explained that they are working on rules/ordinances for the city and looking forward to their upcoming Last Blast of the Summer event which Animal Services will be participating in.
- Terry George – Magna – N/A

- Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon – Gary explained that they have a new Mayor David Brims and thanked Carrie for the monthly reports and that the city is very content with services being provided.
- Scott Baird – Salt Lake County Mayor - None
- Dea Theodore – Salt Lake County Council – Dea asked is the fireworks ban helped prevent a huge intake in animals. We explained that we didn't see a huge increase so it definitely helped in comparison to other years. Dea asked if there is a way to establish a single centralized site that citizens can go to to see animals from multiple agencies. Talia and Patrick explained that it has been attempted in the past but wasn't very successful and has encountered issues. They explained that Petsmart Charities has a site that so far is doing well. Dea also explained that she is in support of the PAWS program and the committee will be informed when it is being discussed by council.
- Patrick Theobald – Industry Expert – Patrick updated the committee on their upcoming Super Adoption event on August 1st and 2nd in which 19 organizations statewide including county animal services will be participating in.

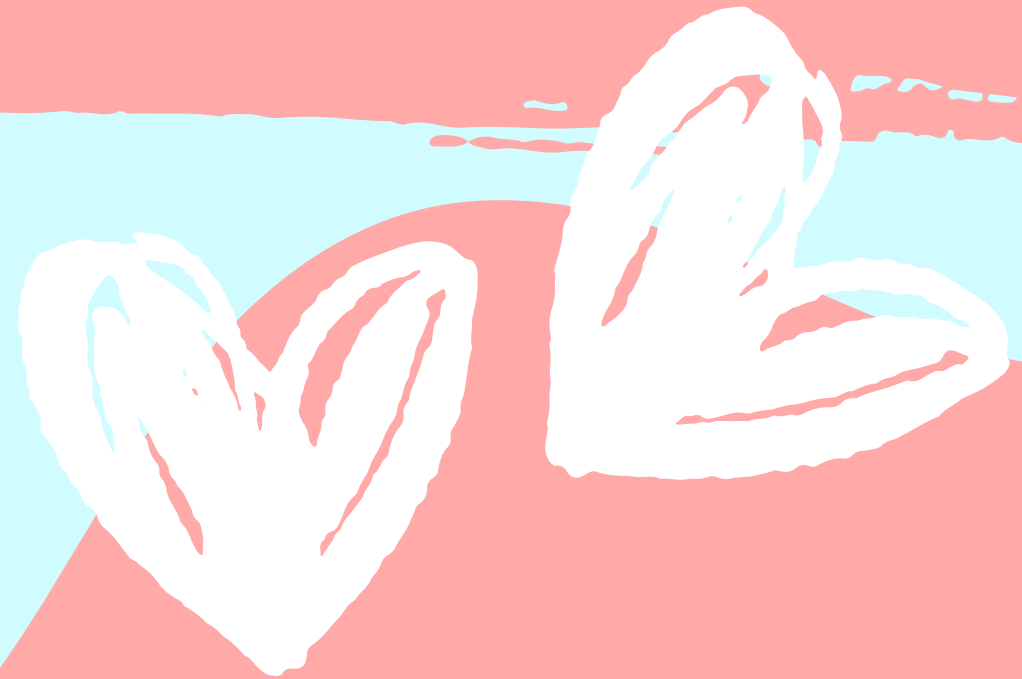
6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Intervention Reunification Program**

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Thom motioned, Lyndsay seconded. All say aye.

BUDGET ITEMS

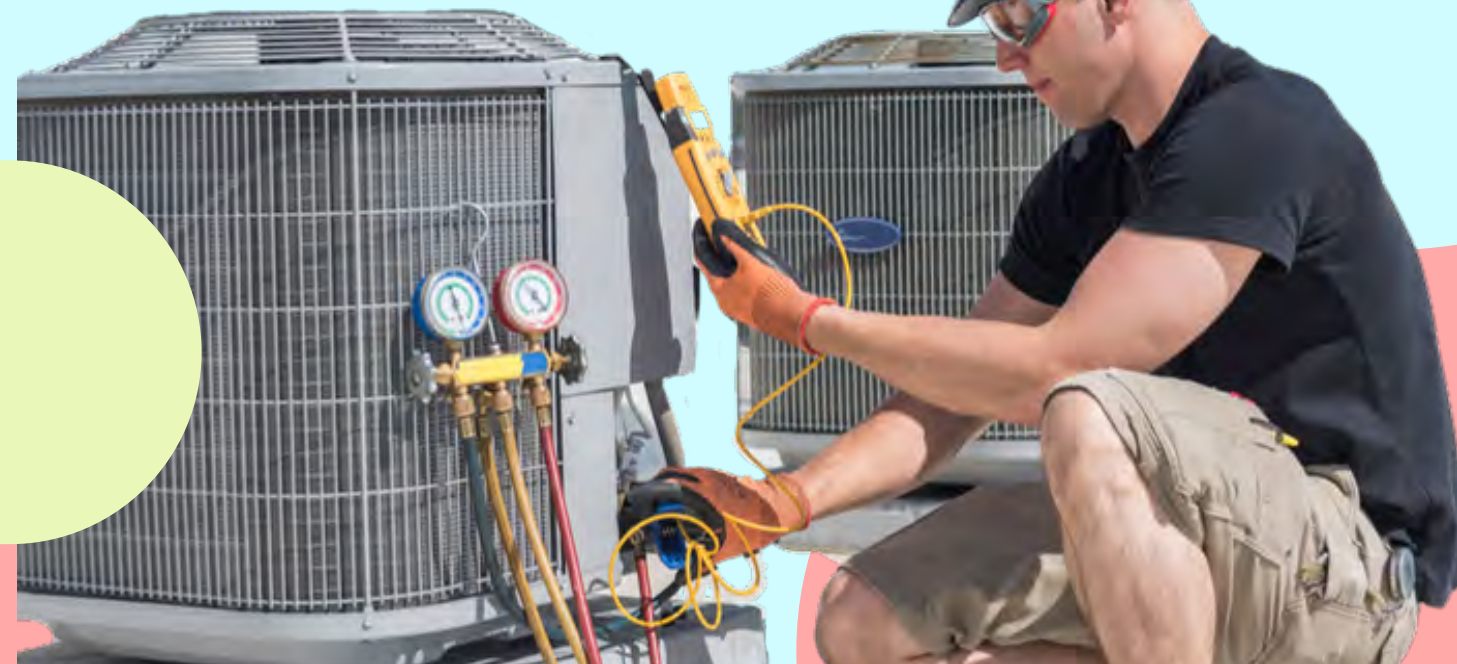


BUDGET REQUESTS

PAWS Mobile Clinic program



Capital Projects



Donations - Injured Animal Fund & Medical Supplies

DIVISION UPDATES



PETAPALOOZA 2026



We have invited shelters & rescue organizations from throughout Utah to join us for this special event. Together, we'll have more than 500 adoptable animals ready to meet their new families & find their forever homes.





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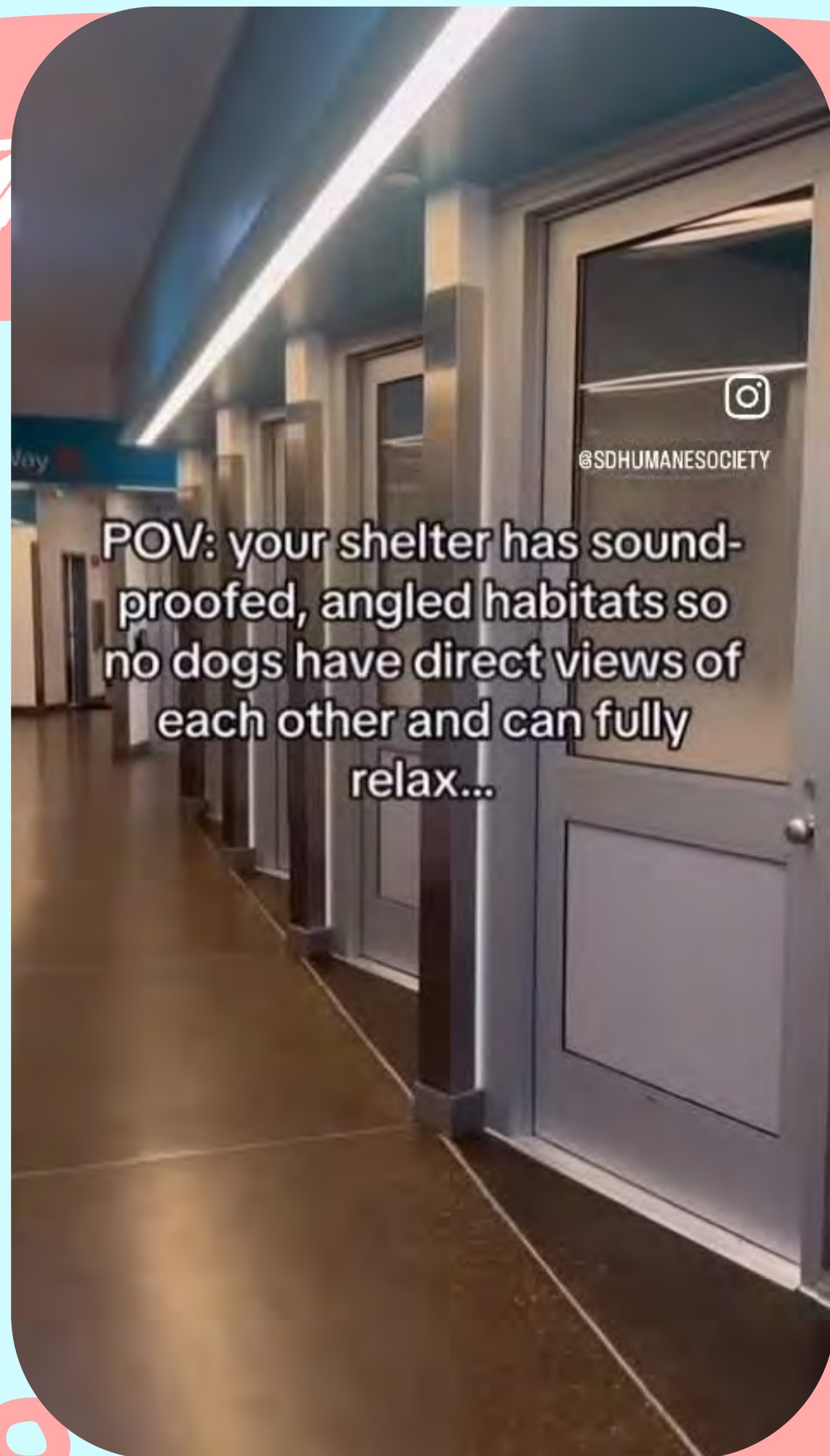
with a Purrrpose

**Friday, November 6,
2026,
at the Hyatt Regency in
Downtown
Salt Lake City.**



PURRPOSE 2026 IS FOCUSED ON RENOVATING AND MODERNIZING THE ADOPTION KENNELS AT SALT LAKE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES.

- Purrrpose 2026 will fund the renovation of adoption kennels that have remained unchanged since 1991.
- Updated kennels will reduce
 - Animal stress
 - Improve comfort
 - Enhance the adoption experience.
- We're seeking silent auction donations & Furever Gala sponsors to support this project.
- Fundraising goal: \$135,000 for the first kennel row, with an additional \$122,000 for the second row.



POV: your shelter has sound-proofed, angled habitats so no dogs have direct views of each other and can fully relax...



HELPING EVEN MORE PETS!

We have maintained capacity while helping other shelters with overcrowding through our transport program.

- So far this year, we've welcomed 73 homeless pets (59 cats & 14 dogs) from other shelters.
- We recently partnered with Best Friends Animal Society to assist with emergency transport efforts following the Texas floods, welcoming 4 dogs into our care.

