

Forsyth County Animal Services Advisory Board

November 20, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 PM

5570 Sturmer Park Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Priscilla Ivester – Chair
Chad Griffin – Vice Chair
Daniel Lemons
Jennifer Enchaustegui
Adam Bowditch
PJ Lofland
Koy Kincaid
Erin Turner
Katie Fanning, DVM

Members Present

Erin Turner Koy Kincaid Chad Griffin Katie Fanning
Adam Bowditch Priscilla Ivester Daniel Lemons

Staff Present

Jamie Bertman
Tonya Ward

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Priscilla Ivester. It was noted that new member Jennifer Enchaustegui was not in attendance. Staff has not heard from her.
- Approval of meeting minutes September 18, 2025.
MOTION: Adam Bowditch made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Koy Kincaid. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Former Board member Bill Cowan spoke. He stated he has been told that there are fees to surrender animals to the shelter and that he is concerned about this. He also expressed concern regarding FCSO not picking up stray animals and animals running at large within the county. Shelter Director Jamie Bertman advised that there is a \$50 fee for an owner requested euthanasia but no other fees for bringing in animals.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Bringing County Code into Compliance Regarding Microchipping***
Staff advised the Board that the county attorney's office is reviewing the recommended changes to the county code.
- ***Removal of Board Members***
Chair Priscilla Ivester stated she mailed the letter explaining her removal from the Board to former member Lisa Calvert-Hayes as well as a copy to the Board of Commissioners.

- **Board Vacancies and New Member**

There was discussion of the position owner of a hunting dog remaining vacant as well as now the position of a representative of a municipality which receives services. Applications for these positions must be received by December 8th at 5 pm to be considered at the December 18th meeting of the Commissioners.

Dr. Fanning was introduced as a new member in the veterinarian position. She detailed her background as well as her current position at FHS as well as shelter vet of record. The other members all introduced themselves.

- **FCSO Update – Lt. Lancaster**

Lt. Lancaster followed up on the discussion from the previous meeting about Animal Services, the amount of calls they are receiving, and his concern about the need for additional deputies. He stated that 75% of the calls are from within the city of Winston-Salem and that assistance from the City would be helpful. He brought up the model used by Charlotte/Mecklenberg in which the municipalities pay for calls. There was discussion of the types of calls and time needed for each type call.

- **Board of Commissioners Holiday Party**

Koy Kincaid reminded the Board that invitations had gone out for the Holiday party and encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Shelter Statistics**

Director Jamie Bertman reviewed quarter 3 statistics from the shelter. Statistics presented were as follows:

Total Intake-813

ACO- 522

Public- 291

Of those from the public 68 were Owner Surrendered, 6 were adoption returns, 190 were strays, and 21 were transferred in from other organizations, 6 were born in care.

Total Outcome -860

Adoptions- 98

Transfer to Rescue - 333

Return to Home- 145

Euthanasia - 284

Reasons for euthanasia- Medical- 93, Space-28, Aggression- 92, Unsocialized- 51. The remaining 20 were not cats or dogs.

Priscilla Ivester asked if the Board could receive written statistics and Jamie said that would not be a problem.

She then discussed upcoming adoption promotion Home for the Holidays in which the shelter will again partner with Bissell Pet Foundation to sponsor adoption fees.

- **Hearing Tribunals**

The docket and members for the Tribunal Hearings scheduled for December 18th were discussed. Erin Turner, Koy Kincaid, and Adam Bowditch all stated they were available to serve.

ADJOURN

Priscilla Ivester reminded members that the next meeting will be held on January 15th.

MOTION: With no further business Priscilla Ivester asked for a motion to adjourn. Adam Bowditch made the motion, which was seconded by Erin Turner. Priscilla Ivester adjourned the meeting at 7:23 pm.