



**BROWARD COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Animal Care Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Date**  
**10/23/25**  
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Time Called to Order:	Time Adjourned:	Location:	Minutes By:
4:26pm	5:56pm	Animal Care 2400 SW 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street Main Conference Room Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312	Grace Johns Chair 954.683.3697
Members Present		Members Absent	Other Participants
Grace Johns – Chair Danny Finkelstein – Vice Chair Dr. Lisa Feinstein Kelly Kandibovich Buz Oldaker From Broward County: Doug Brightwell – Director Alyssa Dazza – Assistant Director Zachary Rinkins – Public Information Officer Lisette Murado- Administrative Coordinator		Tracey Paige – Secretary	Observers: Dr. Donna Watson

Item	Action/Discussion/Recommendations	Due Date	Status/Staff Responsible
<b>A. Opened Meeting</b>	Purpose is to conduct the Animal Care Advisory Committee Meeting. Roll Call by Lisette Murado. There was a quorum.	N/A	Grace
<b>B. Approval of the minutes</b>	Minutes of the meeting on 9.18.25 were unanimously approved. Motion to approve by Buz and seconded by Kelly.		All
<b>C. Animal Care Division Announcements</b>	The County renewed their participation with Friends of Miami Animals to continue providing spay & neuter services to large dogs at the Broward shelter with 5 events in 2026. Each event will be one weekend using Slomba Shelter Solutions veterinarians and the County's staff and volunteers to sterilize approximately 70 dogs at each event.  Two current building projects update: 1- Play yard – Construction begins soon and is due to be completed by March 2026 2- Surgical suite - Expansion by adding more runs for dogs has begun. Anticipated project completion is June 2026.		Doug

	<p>Proposed edits to Chapter 4 – Dogs and Cats that were approved by this committee will be set for a BOCC public hearing on January 22 with the public hearing taking place on February 3.</p> <p>Staff evaluation of the animal outcome data found that adoptions increased by 163 animals, or 4 percent from 2024 to 2025. The number of animals “Returned to Owner” increased by 31 percent, from 395 to 568. The number of animals transferred to other organizations for placement increased by 26 percent, from 539 to 733 animals transferred. The average length of stay for cats fell by 2.5 days and, for dogs, the length fell by 10.8 days.</p>		
<b>D. New Business</b>	<p>Election of Officers for 2026:</p> <p>The following committee members were unanimously elected to the following leadership positions for the calendar year 2026.</p> <p>Chair: Grace Johns – Motion by Danny, Seconded by Kelly</p> <p>Vice Chair: Danny Finkelstein – Motion by Buz, Seconded by Lisa</p> <p>Secretary: Tracey Paige – Motion by Grace, Seconded by Buz</p> <p>The committee members approved the following meeting dates for 2026: February 5, April 9, June 11, August 20 and October 22</p>		Grace
<b>E. Public Input</b>	Dr. Donna Watson provided input on the proposed edits to Chapter 4.		
<b>F. Old Business</b>	<p>The committee discussed methods to increase funding to the Sterilization Trust Fund including messaging and outreach, referring to Zachary for advice.</p> <p>Each member agreed to conduct a desktop evaluation of certain businesses to determine if it provides charitable contributions to animal welfare programs and organizations. Each member was assigned several companies to research and will report back to the committee at its next meeting.</p>		Grace
<b>G. Non-agenda items</b>	None		Grace
<b>H. Meeting adjourned</b>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 5:56</p> <p>Motion to adjourn by Danny and seconded by Grace.</p>		