



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Animal Care and Adoption Division

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Broward County Animal Care Advisory Committee Information Sheet

1. Broward County is committed to the welfare of its pet population. This commitment is realized via four pillars: excellent shelter operations, equitable provision of services, public safety, and community commitment to animal care.
2. [Section 12.289](#) of the Broward County Administrative Code creates a Broward County Animal Care Advisory Committee to help develop the planning, goals and policies that support these four pillars.
3. Duties of Advisory Committee members are:
 - a. Advise on animal care related policies, programs, services, and long-range plans.
 - b. Advise the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on revisions to the Broward County Animal Care and Regulation ordinance ([Chapter 4](#) of the Broward County Code of Ordinances).
 - c. Coordinate closely with the Director of the Animal Care and Adoption Division, Ms. Emily Wood (emwood@broward.org, 954-357-9752).
 - d. May serve on the Animal Care General Trust Fund Subcommittee, which makes determinations on providing emergency medical or surgical treatment and care to sick or injured dogs and cats.
4. Figure 1 provides the desirable attributes of Advisory Committee members and Figure 2 the categories of membership currently vacant.

Figure 1. Advisory Committee Member Attributes

- ✓ Broward County resident.
- ✓ Represent a membership category (see Figure 2).
- ✓ A demonstrated passion for pet welfare.
- ✓ Committed to the four pillars of ACAD: shelter management, equitable services, public safety, and community involvement.
- ✓ Represents a significant constituency.
- ✓ A track record of achievement for the community.
- ✓ Strong network within the animal care community or a willingness to build that network.
- ✓ Strong communication skills and will be assertive and persistent if necessary.
- ✓ Aligns with one or more of the following demographics (from the 2010 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development *Consumer Policy Toolkit*): young adult, seniors, tech savvy, high technical literacy, minority, and disadvantaged.
- ✓ Understands group processes and works constructively within them.
- ✓ Practices data driven decision making.
- ✓ Willing to meet with the committee at least four times per year.

Figure 2. Advisory Member Categories

Advisory Committee members must represent one of the categories below (the current vacancies on the eleven-member Advisory Committee). The Commissioner that may select a member within the given category is also listed.

- ✓ National animal welfare organization – [Mayor Steve Geller](#)
- ✓ Wildlife or large animal rescue organization – [Commissioner Mark Bogen](#)
- ✓ Health Department/Disease Specialist – [Commissioner Barbara Sharief](#)
- ✓ Animal behaviorist – [Commissioner Tim Ryan](#)

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