

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



Meeting Date

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Time Called to Order:	Time Adjourned:	Location:	Minutes By:
4:26pm	5:56pm	Animal Care 2400 SW 42 nd Street Main Conference Room Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312	Lisette Murado Committee Liaison 954-359-1313 x9606

Members Present	Members Absent	Other Participants
Grace Johns – Chair Danny Finkelstein – Vice Chair Dr. Lisa Feinstein Kelly Kandibovich Buz Oldaker From Broward County: Zachary Rinkins – Public Information Officer Doug Brightwell – Director* Alyssa Dazza – Assistant Director* Girlande Bertrand - Business Manager* Lisette Murado- Administrative Coordinator * Joined meeting at 4:25	Tracey Paige – Secretary	

Item	Action/Discussion/Recommendations	Due Date	Status/Staff Responsible
A. Opened Meeting	Purpose is to conduct the Animal Care Advisory Committee Meeting. Roll Call by Lisette Murado. There was a quorum.	N/A	Grace
B. Approval of the minutes	Minutes of the meeting on 10.23.25 were unanimously approved. Motion to approve by Buz and seconded by Danny.		All
C. Animal Care Division Announcements	The County Commission approved revisions to Chapter 4 at the last Board meeting on Tuesday. Highlights include new availability of 3-year tags, pathway to adoption without bringing pets to shelter, pet store permits and inspections, and microchipping being mandatory for RTOs and license purchase. Pet license processing was taken over by a new contracted company called "PetData". It was said that they were recently bought out by another company while we were transitioning over to them. They started selling our tags on December 1, 2025.		Doug

<p>D. New Business</p>	<p>The Division has now posted on our website information related to the Victim Trust Fund as well as the Animal Care General Trust Fund. Zachary agreed to send the approved language to Lisette for dissemination to the committee.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the Trust Funds' ability to provide funding to residents now that they are advertised on the website. Concerns were expressed about how this will bring many more cases to the subcommittee, and the possible rapid depletion of the funding once they get noticed by the public.</p>		<p>Zachary</p>
<p>E. Old Business</p>	<p>Zachary suggested committee members attend some city council meetings and provide short, 2-3 minute messages about needing funding for the trust fund, asking for their support. He also mentioned creating a "drop box", which is an excel spreadsheet accessible to all committee members. This sheet will show the steps taken to advertise the trust fund, using various social media platforms, newspapers, etc. He encouraged members to add their attempts at fundraising to the spreadsheet for all to see.</p> <p>Grace stated she had a TV interview that is yet to be broadcast, and handed out a paper listing topics she spoke about. This is a good cheat sheet for committee members to use when requesting donations to the trust fund. Grace also mentioned a meeting with the Community Foundation of Broward is planned for the next day, and will report back at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>The committee discussed the results of the desktop evaluation they were assigned, to canvas certain large businesses to see if they provide charitable contributions to animal welfare programs and organizations. The intent is to increase funding to the Sterilization Trust Fund. Grace stated she will call the businesses that seemed amenable to donating to the trust fund, and will present the results at the next meeting. Buz will reach out to some of the city councils. Grace will put together a message that members can share while fundraising.</p>		<p>Zachary</p> <p>Grace</p>
<p>F. Non-agenda items</p>	<p>Grace asked Buz if he would mind serving on the General Trust Fund Subcommittee, to fill a vacant seat. Buz agreed, and was thereby appointed by the Chair.</p> <p>Grace said she emailed the BOCC about the letter Doug sent to override the request to lower the 100k tag threshold for funding the sterilization trust fund. She believes the alleged ramifications are untrue, and provided her reasoning. Grace stated that she plans to continue the push to change the threshold, but asked the committee how they feel about what she is doing. After some discussion, it was suggested a vote be held to show support. Danny moved to authorize Grace to proceed with working toward the goal of convincing the BOCC to lower the tag threshold for funding the Sterilization Trust, seconded by Buz, and passed unanimously.</p>		<p>Grace</p>

	<p>Kelly said she would like to be aware of what is being worked on on behalf of the committee. Acknowledging this, Grace replied that she will send potential communications to Lisette for dissemination to the committee, and get their approval before sending anything out.</p>		
G. Meeting Adjourned	<p>Motion to adjourn was made by Danny, seconded by Grace, and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 5:56</p>		