

City of Sacramento
Animal Wellbeing Commission Report
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Poll To Determine Priority Discussion Items for the Animal Wellbeing Commission and Follow-Up Log

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: 1) Conduct a poll to determine priority of discussion items for the Animal Wellbeing Commission; and 2) Pass a **Motion** adopting the Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log as developed by proposals and discussion from the commission.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log
- 3-List of Suggested Discussion Items on Follow-Up Log for Poll

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail:

There are many potential discussion items on the follow-up log for the Animal Wellbeing Commission. Staff would like to take the Commission's priorities into account when selecting agenda items, and a poll was identified as a fair and reliable way to do this. Staff are advancing previously identified priorities of the Animal Wellbeing Commission such as the "final plea" pilot program and "shelter redemption policy". The list of suggested items for the poll (Attachment 3) represents items that have not yet been advanced.

The Follow-Up Log is a resource managed by City staff. It is a running list consisting of items of interest for which the Animal Wellbeing Commission would like to be agendized. To place an item on the Follow-Up Log for a future agenda members may make a request during "Commission Ideas - Comments and Questions".

At future meetings, Commissioners will continue to be able to add items to the log by introducing the

suggestion during Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions. The committee will then approve those additions by approving a Consent Calendar item at the following meeting.

Policy Considerations: None.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: By developing and implementing the Follow-Up Log, Animal Wellbeing Commission Members can request specific items be added to a future agenda and provide staff with any accompanying criteria in a format that is easy to monitor, track, and change as necessary.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

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City of Sacramento Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log								
	Item Title	Question to be answered and/or specific request	Date Added	Status	Urgency	Discussion time estimate	Staff presentation required?	
1	Increasing number of dogs residents can own	Currently, county residents can own 4 dogs and 7 cats, city residents can own 3 dogs and 7 cats. Increasing the number of owned dogs would increase licensing revenue and potentially increase adoptions. The AWC will discuss and decide whether or not to recommend the revision to the ordinance.	3/12/2025	The Draft Ordinance Review Committee (DORC) meets periodically to ensure any code changes are legal and stylistically consistent. This item has been in the queue for review, but unfortunately wasn't expected to be reviewed until after this month's agenda was due. If a change had been made, the wrong version would have been presented to the AWC and it would need to be moved to a future meeting anyway. We have confidence this item will be presented for review at the April 2026 meeting.	TBD from poll	45 minutes	No	
2	Euthanasia Numbers	Commissioner Treat requested an in-depth breakdown of euthanasia numbers and the associated reasons behind each category	3/12/2025	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	90 minutes	Yes	
3	Bi-Annual Workshop	Commissioner Treat asked to hold two bi-annual retreats outside of the regular commission meetings.	11/12/2025	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	TBD	No	
4	Audit Update	Commissioner Treat asked for a monthly follow-up on the Animal Care Services Audit.	11/12/2025	Audit updates will be sent to the AWC quarterly, in line with audit updates provided to council.	TBD from poll	N/A	No	
5	Friends of Front Street Presentation	Commissioner Treat asked if a presentation by Friends of Front Street would be possible	11/12/2025	Staff would like the MOU to be completed before a Friends of Front Street presentation takes place.	TBD from poll	TBD	No	
6	Redemption policy, applicable laws, and spay/neuter incentivization.	Vice Chair Bagley requested to discuss laws and codes related to spay/neuter requirements on second stray impound, followed by a discussion of fees and other ways to incentivize spay/neuter on first redemption.	1/21/2026	Staff will determine what month this presentation can be added. Several commission members indicated this was a high-priority discussion item.	TBD from poll	90 minutes	Yes - but possibly oral report	
7	Request to author policies and procedures	Commissioner Bagley and others have expressed interest in writing or working in consultation with vendor for the shelter's policies and procedures.	1/21/2026	Recruiting an outside organization to assist in writing policies and procedures was a request of the former city manager, the cost of which will not come out of the shelter's budget. Ideal candidates will possess significant shelter expertise while being able to provide impartial feedback, perspective from working with other shelters, and reliable timelines for completion due to contractual obligation. The proposal review process will begin late January/early February. There will be at least one presentation to the Animal Wellbeing Commission by the vendor after they are selected. Commissioners requesting to discuss working on consultation with vendor on drafting of SOPs, leading to potential project on which commissioners can collaborate with the shelter.	TBD from poll	N/A	N/A	
8	Cat euthanasia list	Commissioner Virga stated that there wasn't a euthanasia list for cats and requested written policies related to this.	2/11/2026	This item will be addressed in the FAQ for rescue-related questions (described below).	TBD from poll	N/A	No	
9	Animals not on rescue list	Commissioner Virga stated that not all animals appear on rescue list prior to euthanasia and requested written policies related to this.	2/11/2026	Staff will provide the commission with a rescue process overview or FAQ for rescue-related questions via BCC email.	TBD from poll	N/A	No	
10	Regional shelter emergency communications	Commissioner Virga suggested creating a protocol for local shelters to notify each other of disease outbreaks or other emergencies.	2/11/2026	The communications manager will reach out to other local shelters (Sacramento County, Sacramento SPCA, Elk Grove, Yolo County) and propose creating an email list to keep each other informed during emergencies where other shelters may be affected, or where help could be needed.	TBD from poll	N/A	No	
11	Community Survey	Commissioner Barragan asked for a discussion or sharing of information about what it would take to do another community survey similar to the survey in 2021. The rationale being that the world looks different now than 2021, and that there is opportunity to evaluate sentiment from traditionally marginalized communities and non-English speakers.	2/11/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	60 minutes	No	
12	Availability of information to underserved or multilingual communities	Commissioner Barragan requested report outlining what mechanisms and practices are in place about existing services at shelter accessible to traditionally underserved and non-English speaking communities.	2/11/2026	Staff have relayed information to Commissioner Barragan about existing language access mechanisms, as well as opportunities for improvement. Several ideas about better reaching Spanish-speaking residents were exchanged, including Meta ads and community. Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion, or alternatively may coordinate with individual commission members outside the commission meeting if they are interested in working on aspects of this project.	TBD from poll	45 minutes	No	
13	Policy and Procedure changes	Commissioner Benedict request shelter P&P changes come to the commission for review and public comment	2/11/2026	As part of the RFP for policy and procedure development, the selected vendor will be required to make at least one presentation to the AWC. To focus the presentation, commission members are welcome to specify what information they are hoping to have presented (i.e. all policies, certain policies, the process of creating the policies, etc.).	TBD from poll	120 minutes	No - vendor will present	
14	Site Improvement Review	Commissioner Barrigan requests to revisit site improvement plan and to evaluate if funds are being put to best use	2/11/2026	The prior needs assessment (which includes discussion of interim improvements) was sent to commission for review in January 2026. Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	60 minutes	No	
15	2025 Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Adoption Increase	Commissioner Morris would like to discuss implementation of findings and recommendations of the 2025 Ad Hoc Committee to increase Dog Adoptions. 4/15/26 update: Commissioner Morris suggested formation of a work group to potentially collaborate with work group for at risk dogs.	3/11/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	60 minutes	No	
16	Steps towards a new shelter	Commissioner Morris would like to discuss next steps to locate site options for the construction of a new shelter (city owned or private landowner donation), as well as discuss a capital campaign to raise the required funds (bond, parcel tax, or private fund-development)	3/11/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	60 minutes	No	
17	Discussion and presentation on state and local shelter law	Vice Chair Bagley requested to present information and have a discussion related to laws governing animal shelters, including intake, duties, etc.	3/11/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	60 minutes	No	

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18	Facebook advertising for adoptable animals and shelter services	Commissioner Barragan would like a discussion item for a pilot Facebook advertising program to expand awareness of adoptable animals and increase the utilization of animal services. Commissioner Barragan expressed interest in this being a motionable item.	4/15/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	30 minutes	No
19	Bottle baby kitten solutions	Commissioner Treat expressed interest in discussing the possibility of partnering with senior homes for bottle feeding. Staff is interested in the commission's assistance in finding homes for finding bottle baby fosters.	4/15/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	30 minutes	No
20	Commission workplan	Commissioner Garcia suggested bringing back the workplan item to track and organize projects commission members are working on.	4/15/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.	TBD from poll	30 minutes	No

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