

City of Sacramento
Animal Wellbeing Commission Report
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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: 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

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: 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.

City of Sacramento Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log				
	Item Title	Question to be answered and/or specific request	Date Added	Status
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 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 25/13/26 Update: Staff are working on next steps to get this item presented to council.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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 budget. Ideal candidates will possess significant shelter expertise while being able to provide impartial feedback, perspective from working with other shelters, and 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 a potential project on which commissioners can collaborate with the shelter.
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).
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.
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	COMPLETE. The communications manager will reach out to other local shelters (Sacramento County, Sacramento SPCA, Elk Grove, Yolo County) and propose an email list to keep each other informed during emergencies where other shelters may be affected, or where help could be needed.
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.
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 for 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 a specific project.
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 policies, etc.)
14	Site Improvement Review	Commissioner Barragan 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.

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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
21	Daily Inventory List	Vice Chair Bagley would like shelter to create a daily inventory list similar to County Shelter that shows intake and disposition of animals from the day before. Commissioner Morris suggested including number of animals in foster care on that list.	5/13/2026	Staff will get clarification on the details of this list, as well as an example, and will consider creating the list. Staff may also place this item on the agenda for necessary.
21	Mandatory Spay/neuter ordinance	Commissioner Benedict would like to take steps towards a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance	5/13/2026	Commission to decide - is the first step a discussion item, or forming
22	RTO spay/neuter reporting	Vice Chair Bagley requested future reports on number of animals who are spayed/neutered on 2nd (or subsequent) impounds	5/13/2026	Staff will provide a report to the commission quarterly via BCC email or during the Monthly Manager's Report.
23	Increasing number of volunteers and fosters	A commission member suggested having an item to discuss increasing the number of volunteers and fosters	5/13/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
24	Final Plea behavior assessments	Commissioner Benedict would like to discuss behavioral assessment guidelines for Final Plea dogs	6/10/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
25	Discussion with Citygate	Commissioner Virga expressed interest in having a conversation with Citygate to ensure they know what the laws are related to shelters.	6/10/2026	The current contract and budget with Citygate only includes a presentation to the Animal Wellbeing Commission. It does not include a preliminary meetir Commission. However, the presentation will allow the Commission to ask questions and share opinions on legal issues related to the policies.
26	Discussion of Spay and Neuter funding	Commissioner Barragan requested a discussion on how best to expend the \$500,000 spay and neuter budget	6/10/2026	This item is anticipated as a discussion item at the August meeting of the Commission.
27	Stray animal Field Services response	Vice Chair Bagley expressed interest in discussing the shelter's response to healthy stray animal calls	6/10/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.