



CLALLAM COUNTY ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES of January 6, 2026

MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

Sheriff's Office representative Elizabeth Biasell called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., Jan 6, 2026 in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Members also present were:

Mike Hill	Barbara Brabant	Meagan Karnes	Linda Allen
Ed Bauck	Mel Marshall	Mark Ozias	Danette Grady

Members absent were:

John Southard	Dave Campbell	Amy Bundy	Lisa Hopper	
Randy Johnson	Kimberlie Kitts	Brian Smith	Jason Viada	Megan Overton
Shayna Robnett	Danielle Hursh			

Lorraine Shore of the Sheriff's Office was also present.

MEETING AGENDA

No revisions were sought.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clarification of several items in the minutes of the 12/02/25 meeting were discussed, and a date range for the PFOA statistics was requested to be added. With that change included, the minutes were unanimously approved.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- PFOA (Danette) reported that for 2025 total, they'd had 98 adoptions, and took in 40 strays and 41 owner surrenders.
- Friends of Forks (through Ed) reported that for 2025 total they'd helped with 155 animals from all sources (reservation, city, county). They have only 3 kennels and are 100% volunteer run. 37 of the 155 were from the county.
- WAG (Mel) reported that for 2025 total they'd had 87 intakes, 96 adoptions, 60 spays/neuters, and over 4000 volunteer hours.
- RISE (Meagan) reported that for 2025 total they'd had 94 adoptions and 64 spays/neuters. 70% of their animals are transferred there from other rescues.
- Meagan shared that RISE is part of a pet food sharing organization that receives excess/nearly expired pet food from various sources, and then distributes it around the county. She generally collects 5-8 pallets of food at a time, and distributes around our community the amounts/varieties she can't use herself. For any rescue with a vet on staff, there is frequently prescription food available through this route. Other rescues are welcome to join, or should ask her if they need some.
- Danette shared that PFOA receives pet food donations from local businesses (Coastal, CoOp, Petsense) for owners struggling financially. In December she saw a marked increase in requests for pet food assistance.
- Ed has received pet food from different rescues so he has it on hand to offer owners he interacts with, if need is apparent/requested.
- Meagan, Danette, and Mel also shared there are collars, leashes, and sweaters available for any owners needing them.
- Ed reported on his work planning a community spay/neuter/vaccine/microchip clinic. He's been working with Center Valley as the lead organizer, but many rescues/clinics as well, and will be finalizing dates soon – most likely 2/27-2/28 or 3/13-3/14. Its estimated a two day clinic would provide surgeries

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for 150 animals. Center Valley will ask owners to contribute \$75/cat or \$100/dog, although will waive those fees for owners unable to afford it. To cover direct expenses such as medication/supplies/anesthesia Center Valley is requesting a County contribution of \$2,500. None of that money or owner contributions go towards salaries or personal compensation.

- Dates need to be cleared as available with the fairground, and reserved, since others also use that facility. The fair recommends use of the Home Arts and Expo halls, both of which have restrooms in them. The fair would be willing to offer ASAC a 50% of nonprofit rental rate, which would be \$830 for both buildings for 2 days.
- All participating agencies could put out donation requests on social media as soon dates are finalized.
- Other locations were considered, but the fairgrounds has bus routes and multiple spaces. They also have buildings without commercial kitchens, which is important since animals near kitchens is against regulations. If the fairgrounds don't end up working we can revisit options.
- City buses allow animals on leashes (even big dogs), and Ed or Mark can notify them in advance that there may be an increase in animals on that route(s) on those dates.
- Mark is excited for this to be a topic discussed with the BOCC, and for a clinic to establish a precedent we could potentially repeat. Once details are planned, tested, and community interest is gauged, we could investigate other community funding options. He will invite the director of the Community Foundation to a future ASAC meeting to discuss how a fund could be established to collect donations, and then disburse them to whichever rescue is fronting the cost(s) of community clinics.
- Everybody acknowledges that our community is generous and passionate about animal welfare, and would likely welcome the option to donate to a fund set up as suggested.
- We could have pet food available at the clinic to hand out as well.
- While the animal committee feels it is doing well at addressing vaccines/microchip/spay/neuter issues in the community, it doesn't have a solution for stray animals, which is a major problem in our community. All rescues noticed a large increase in reports of stray animals in December.
- Meagan reported that in December she received calls daily about strays, and every one she took in was unaltered and none had microchips. It took her an average of 5 days to reunite dogs with their owners since the dogs had no identification.
- Perhaps Clallam County should adopt an ordinance on mandatory microchipping if an animal is impounded, and mandatory spay/neuter if the animal is impounded for a third time. Kitsap, Pierce, and Bonney Lake have ordinances we could model after.
- The next PFOA low cost spay/neuter clinic will be 2/13 and is almost completely booked already. Each clinic they host plans for approximately 25 animals, and is held at the Sequim Animal Hospital.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Updates on items previously discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public present at the meeting

NEXT MEETING – February 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 3:29 p.m.