

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee  
Annual Work Plan and Accomplishments Report: 2025

Chair: Perry Koon

Board Liaison: Mae Maurer

Brief History of Board: The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee was established by Resolution 2022-52 on May 24, 2022.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

1. Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair and operate the Committee pursuant to this Resolution.
2. Assist the County in promoting the adoption of shelter pets, the welfare of animals, and the importance of the human-animal bond.
3. Assist the County in promoting positive and greater community awareness of Alachua County's Animal Resources ("ACAR") and its mission, programs, and accomplishments.
4. Carry out the responsibilities of a community engagement body in order to work with and support ACAR.
5. Engage with and receive reports from ACAR as well as the various local not-for-profit Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) and relevant stakeholders.
6. Assist and advise the County on future animal-related policies and issues.
7. Prepare an Annual Work Plan and Report of Accomplishments.
8. The Committee shall not operate in a supervisory, regulatory, or an authoritative capacity. The Committee does not have the authority to establish policies or make decisions for ACAR, the County, or the Board.

**Accomplishments:**

- Held meetings on Nov. 20, 2024, and Feb. 12, May 21, and Aug. 13, 2025.
- Heard a Pet-Inclusive Housing Study presentation and regular new shelter updates.
- Discussed a "Found Pet Checklist" for Local Vet Practices/Rescues; Medical Treatment Protocols (including the Glasgow Scales and Feline Grimace Scale); department statistics; frequency of meetings; Breeder Licenses and Registration; and Animal Enforcement transfer to the Sheriff's Office

**Goals:**

- Review changes to animal welfare related Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) as proposed.
- Assist with Director and Veterinarian interviews.
- Review "Public Input Pathway" submissions and provide suggestions, as appropriate.