



ANIMAL SERVICES

Joint Animal Services Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

Monday, February 9, 2026

5:30 PM

Lacey City Hall and Online

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Agenda

B. December 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

4. Public Comment

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

5. Business Items

A. Election of Officers

1. Chair

2. Vice Chair

B. 2025 in Review

Sarah Hock, Executive Director

6. Director Report

A. Sarah Hock, Executive Director

7. Adjourn

Attendance and Public Comment

Attend Remote or In-Person

The public may attend the meeting in-person, or you may view or listen to the meeting using one of the following platforms:

In-Person

Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall
420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aL8JREeqSfWHAsB4cGOrQw

Website:

<https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/cityoflacey>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coMjzjpWS5Q>

Cable: Channel 77 with your local cable provider
Phone: (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 863 1360 5268)

Verbal Public Comment

Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments are welcome on matters connected to City business or specific agenda items.

Prior to starting your comments, please provide your:

- a. Name
- b. City of residence or connection to the Commission
- c. Topic or subject matter of your comments

Those wishing to provide verbal public comment may do so in-person or by Zoom.

In-Person: Use the sign-up sheet located in the meeting room.
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aL8JREeqSfWHAsB4cGOrQw

Written Public Comment

Public comments may also be submitted by email to Public.Comment@jointanimalservices.org. The commenting period will close two hours before the meeting time. Written comments will be provided to the Commission electronically prior to the meeting. Comments will not be addressed during the meeting; however, comments received will be added to the official record.



Joint Animal Services Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2025

Lacey City Hall and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Malcolm Miller, City of Lacey; Vice Chair Emily Clouse, Thurston County; and Commissioner(s) Kelly Green, City of Olympia; Peter Agabi, City of Tumwater (remote); Jo MacGugan, Feline Friends of Olympia; Vicky Smith, DVM, Deschutes Animal Clinic

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Mike Murphy, DVM, Thurston County Humane Society

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Barbara Benson, Thurston County Humane Society

STAFF PRESENT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Lacey Assistant City Manager; Sarah Hock, Joint Animal Services Executive Director; and Elissa Fontaine, Lacey City Clerk

3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. November 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Green moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Vice Chair Clouse seconded. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment

No one registered to provide public comment during the meeting or remotely, and no written public comments were received.

5. Business Items

A. November Shelter Stats and Field Data

Sarah Hock, Executive Director

Hock presented monthly intake data by species and jurisdiction, positive outcomes (adoption, transfer, and return to owner), data trends, and impacts on staff time.

B. Shelter Fee Increases

Sarah Hock, Executive Director

Since the last fee update in 2018, inflation and rising expenses for veterinary services, staffing, and supplies have significantly impacted shelter operations. Hock reviewed regional fee analysis in detail, and recommended adjusting fees to better align with market averages while maintaining affordability and accessibility for the community. Staff recommended adopting the fee schedule as proposed, with an effective date of January 1, 2026. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Agabi moved to adopt the fee schedule as presented, with an effective date of February 1, 2026. Vice Chair Clouse seconded. The motion carried.

C. 2026 Joint Animal Services Budget

Sarah Hock, Executive Director

Hock presented the 2026 proposed animal services budget for Joint Animal Services. The total 2026 budget for the Animal Services Fund is \$3,941,921. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Green moved to approve the 2026 Budget as presented. Vice Chair Clouse seconded. The motion carried.

6. Director Report

A. Sarah Hock, Executive Director

Hock provided updates on employee training and professional development, volunteer and outreach events, and the 2026 JASCOM meeting schedule.

7. Adjourn

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2022

Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2026		
	26-Jan	25-Jan
Intake		
Total Animals Received (live and doa)		
Dogs	120	154
Cats	110	132
Other	2	5
Wild	3	6
TOTAL	235	297
Custody-Misc Reasons		
Dogs	10	2
Cats	0	2
Other	1	0
TOTAL	11	4
Strays Received		
Dogs	83	104
Cats	45	82
Other	2	0
TOTAL	130	186
Owner Surrendered		
Dogs	22	48
Cats	44	41
Other	0	5
TOTAL	66	94
Owner Status Refused		
Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	0	0
WILDLIFE HANDLED		
Incoming		
Live	0	4
Doa	3	2
TOTAL	3	6
Outgoing		
Doa	3	2
Euthanized (sick/inj)	0	4
Died	0	0
Bat-Rabies check	0	0
Released/Transferred	0	0
TOTAL	3	6
Outgoing Animals		
Total Animals Out, incl all categories below		
Dogs	130	165
Cats	92	147
Other	2	7
Wild	3	6
Died, esc, stolen	1	2
TOTAL	228	327

Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2022

Animals Adopted			
	Dogs	59	68
	Cats	39	61
	Other	1	3
	TOTAL	99	132
Animals Transferred			
	Dogs	7	14
	Cats	20	28
	Other	0	0
	Total	27	42
Animals Reclaimed			
	Dogs	40	29
	Cats	6	5
	Other	1	0
	TOTAL	47	34
Animals DOA			
	Dogs	12	11
	Cats	9	17
	Other	3	4
	TOTAL	24	32
All Euthanasia, Died, Escaped, Stolen (from pg 2)			
	Dogs	11	28
	Cats	7	31
	Other	0	6
	Died, esc, stolen	1	2
	Total	19	67

Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2022

EUTHANASIA, DIED, ESCAPED, STOLEN			
Shelter Animals Euthanized			
Unhealthy/Untreatable			
	Dogs	10	24
	Cats	4	24
	Other	0	6
Treatable - Rehabilitatable			
	Dogs	1	2
	Cats	2	4
	Other	0	0
Treatable - Manageable			
	Dogs	0	2
	Cats	1	3
	Other	0	0
Healthy			
	Dogs	0	0
	Cats	0	0
	Other	0	0
	Total Shelter Euthanasia	18	65
Owner Request Euthanasia			
	Dogs	20	17
	Cats	10	5
	Other	1	2
	Total	31	24
	Died At Shelter	1	2
	Escaped/Stolen	0	0
FIELD AND OTHER SERVICES			
Animals Currently		26-Jan	25-Jan
Court Involved	Dogs	0	0
	Cats	0	0
	Other	0	0
Field Response			
	Olympia	46	62
	Lacey	44	46
	Tumwater	22	19
	Thurston County	111	132
	JBLM	1	3
	Other	4	2
	Yelm	9	6
	SUB TOTAL	237	270
PDD/DD Appeals		3 of 6	0

Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2022

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Animal Services Shelter Statistics 2025

25-Dec 25-Dec

Intake

Total Animals Received (live and doa)

Dogs	111	106
Cats	126	117
Other	12	5
Wild	6	6
TOTAL	255	234

Custody-Misc Reasons

Dogs	3	5
Cats	0	2
Other	0	0
TOTAL	3	7

Strays Received

Dogs	68	76
Cats	63	77
Other	10	1
TOTAL	141	154

Owner Surrendered

Dogs	40	25
Cats	29	38
Other	2	3
TOTAL	71	66

Owner Status Refused

Dogs	0	0
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

WILDLIFE HANDLED

Incoming

Live	1	3
Doa	5	4
TOTAL	6	7

Outgoing

Doa	5	4
Euthanized (sick/inj)	1	3
Died	0	0
Bat-Rabies check	0	0
Released/Transferred	0	0
TOTAL	6	7

Outgoing Animals

Total Animals Out, incl all categories below

Dogs	110	131
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Cats	163	137
Other	12	28
Wild	6	7
Died, esc, stolen	2	0
TOTAL	293	303

Animals Adopted

Dogs	52	56
Cats	69	89
Other	7	28
TOTAL	128	173

Animals Transferred

Dogs	4	3
Cats	27	15
Other	1	0
Total	32	18

Animals Reclaimed

Dogs	16	22
Cats	2	3
Other	0	0
TOTAL	18	25

Animals DOA

Dogs	8	7
Cats	11	11
Other	8	4
TOTAL	27	22

All Euthanasia, Died, Escaped, Stolen (from pg 2)

Dogs	30	21
Cats	13	12
Other	2	3
Died, esc, stolen	2	0
Total	47	36

25-Dec 24-Dec

EUTHANASIA, DIED, ESCAPED, STOLEN

Animals Euthanized

Unhealthy/Untreatable

Dogs	26	16
Cats	12	9
Other	2	3

Treatable - Rehabilitatable

Dogs	3	4
Cats	0	0
Other	0	0

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD25	YTD 24	
INCOMING ANIMALS															
Total Animals Received (live and doa)															
Dogs	154	134	141	115	117	90	132	134	120	125	113	111	1,486	1,366	8.78%
Cats	132	66	122	131	180	223	181	247	242	218	149	126	2,017	1,598	26.22%
Other	5	498	14	12	6	4	6	0	7	3	5	12	572	151	278.81%
Wild	6	5	12	7	10	9	28	19	13	15	7	6	137	190	-27.89%
TOTAL	297	703	289	265	313	326	347	400	382	361	274	255	4,212	3,305	27.44%
Custody-Misc Reasons															
Dogs	2	8	9	4	2	1	17	27	13	8	17	3	111	62	79.03%
Cats	2	3	34	1	0	24	2	11	0	16	3	0	96	19	405.26%
Other	0	65	18	2	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	91	30	203.33%
TOTAL	4	76	61	7	2	25	23	38	15	24	20	3	298	111	168.47%
Strays Received															
Dogs	104	71	104	79	82	58	85	68	71	85	71	68	946	864	9.49%
Cats	82	47	55	68	116	160	126	125	187	135	87	63	1,251	1,102	13.52%
Other	0	0	0	9	4	3	1	0	3	1	0	10	31	53	-41.51%
TOTAL	186	118	159	156	202	221	212	193	261	221	158	141	2,228	2,019	10.35%
Owner Surrendered															
Dogs	48	51	25	31	29	23	25	38	36	27	23	40	396	413	-4.12%
Cats	41	16	26	40	52	36	26	57	52	32	27	29	434	373	16.35%
Other	5	433	14	1	2	1	0	0	2	2	5	2	467	107	336.45%
TOTAL	94	500	65	72	83	60	51	95	90	61	55	71	1,297	893	45.24%
Owner Status Refused															
Unsocialized pets that have lived on the person's property 14 days or more, but the person denies ownership.															
Dogs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILDLIFE HANDLED															
Incoming															
Live	4	2	4	2	5	6	11	10	5	7	2	1	59	54	
Doa	2	3	8	5	5	3	17	9	8	8	5	5	78	96	
TOTAL	6	5	12	7	10	9	28	19	13	15	7	6	137	150	
Outgoing															
Doa	2	3	8	5	5	3	11	10	8	8	5	5	73	96	
Euthanized (sick/inj)	4	2	4	2	5	6	11	8	5	7	2	1	57	52	
Died	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Bat-Rabies check	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Released/Transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	
TOTAL	6	5	12	7	10	9	22	19	13	15	7	6	131	150	-12.67%
OUTGOING ANIMALS															
Total Animals Out, incl all categories below															
Dogs	165	147	170	131	137	83	129	131	110	136	114	110	1,563	1,563	
Cats	147	81	122	115	141	180	241	247	242	191	187	163	2,057	1,653	
Other	7	498	14	4	8	4	7	2	4	4	4	12	568	184	
Wild	6	5	12	7	10	9	28	19	13	15	7	6	137	149	
Died, esc, stolen	2	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	2	17	37	
TOTAL	327	731	318	257	296	276	405	399	369	348	314	293	4,342	3,586	21.08%
Animals Adopted															
Dogs	68	53	75	52	63	30	53	63	37	37	49	52	632	591	6.94%
Cats	61	50	63	51	59	89	151	133	120	80	94	69	1,020	825	23.64%
Other	3	0	1	2	4	2	6	2	0	2	1	7	30	115	-73.91%
TOTAL	132	103	139	105	126	121	210	198	157	119	144	128	1,682	1,531	9.86%
Animals Transferred															
Dogs	14	9	13	7	5	3	6	16	10	27	10	4	124	80	55.00%
Cats	28	8	19	16	23	22	22	19	44	15	61	27	304	215	41.40%
Other	0	107	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	113	25	352.00%
Total	42	124	32	23	30	26	28	36	54	42	72	32	541	320	69.06%
Animals Reclaimed															
Dogs	29	37	28	26	26	25	28	32	29	31	29	16	336	320	5.00%
Cats	5	1	3	0	6	6	5	4	7	5	6	2	50	41	21.95%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	300.00%
TOTAL	34	38	31	26	32	32	34	36	38	36	35	18	390	362	7.73%
Animals DOA															
Dogs	11	9	15	9	5	3	6	7	2	5	9	8	89	84	
Cats	17	7	16	12	15	13	13	19	15	11	6	11	155	163	
Other	4	5	18	6	7	3	17	10	9	9	6	8	102	86	
TOTAL	32	21	49	27	27	19	36	36	26	25	21	27	346	333	3.90%
All Euthanasia, Died, Escaped, Stolen (from pg 2)															
Dogs	28	19	15	21	26	21	35	13	32	36	17	30	293	266	
Cats	31	12	16	11	27	12	27	28	35	29	20	13	261	209	
Other	6	388	18	3	5	6	11	8	6	8	3	2	464	87	
Died, esc, stolen	2	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	4	0	2	2	15	33	
Total	67	419	50	35	60	40	74	49	77	73	42	47	1,033	595	73.61%
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD		
EUTHANASIA, DIED, ESCAPED, STOLEN															
Animals Euthanized															

Unhealthy/Untreatable															
Dogs	24	16	13	16	21	20	28	12	20	34	13	26	243	204	
Cats	24	11	13	9	25	11	19	21	31	27	12	12	215	138	
Other	6	19	7	2	5	5	0	8	1	8	3	2	66	39	
Treatable - Rehabilitatable															
Dogs	2	1	2	1	4	0	3	1	8	2	1	3	28	51	
Cats	4	1	0	0	2	1	6	3	2	1	6	0	26	59	
Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Treatable - Manageable															
Dogs	2	2	2	4	1	1	4	0	4	0	3	1	24	34	
Cats	3	0	1	2	0	0	2	4	2	1	2	1	18	17	
Other	0	308	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	22	
Healthy															
Dogs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
SUB-TOTAL	65	359	38	35	58	39	62	49	68	73	40	45	931	567	
Owner Request (E5)															
Dogs	17	11	7	12	14	9	10	8	14	10	7	17	136	130	
Cats	5	4	4	4	6	1	8	5	4	3	7	3	54	61	
Other	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	13	1	
SUB-TOTAL	24	20	14	16	20	10	18	13	19	14	15	20	203	192	5.73%
TOTAL EUTHANASIA	65	359	38	35	58	39	62	49	68	73	40	45	931	493	88.84%
Died At Shelter	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	2	2	2	16	37	
Escaped/Stolen	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
FIELD AND OTHER SERVICES															
Animals Currently Court Involved															
Dogs	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	2	22	4	
Cats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	11	0	0	21	4	
Other	0	495	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	497	11	
Field Response															
Olympia	62	41	55	84	84	62	108	0	73	73	38	67	747	740	0.95%
Lacey	46	33	45	57	83	91	71	80	73	44	39	47	709	632	12.18%
Tumwater	19	24	24	29	28	33	28	35	30	31	17	16	314	246	27.64%
Thurston County	132	108	122	120	125	111	143	122	124	96	99	112	1,414	1,240	14.03%
JBLM	3	4	2	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	3	2	25	15	66.67%
Other	2	7	2	9	3	7	6	6	4	5	3	5	59	32	84.38%
Yelm	6	9	11	16	15	9	7	16	10	14	6	5	124	123	0.81%
SUB TOTAL	270	226	261	318	341	314	367	259	314	263	205	254	3,392	3,028	12.02%
PDD/DD Appeals	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	



Joint Animal Services Commission Director's report

February 9th, 2026

January Activities & Engagement

- **January 12:** Sierra Teas and Sarah Hock attended the inaugural meeting of the National Animal Cruelty Task Force, convened by Rebecca Niemiec in collaboration with the Animal-Human Policy Center.
- **January 13:** Joint Animal Services staff presented at McLane Elementary School to all first-grade classes, including one combined first-grade/kindergarten class. Approximately 50 students participated, sharing projects focused on responsible pet ownership.
- **Volunteers:** 115 active volunteers contributed a total of 1,274 service hours during the reporting period.

2026 JASCOM meeting schedule

JASCOM meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 PM.

1. February 9th, 2026 – 5:30 PM
2. April 20th, 2026 – 5:30 PM
3. June 8th, 2026 – 5:30 PM
4. August 10th, 2026 – 5:30 PM
5. October 12th, 2026 – 5:30 PM
6. November 9th, 2026 – 5:30 PM – JAS Budget Hearing
7. December 14th, 2026 – 5:30 PM – JAS Budget Vote

Building repairs and Maintenance

The HVAC unit that cools the IT room, isolation, and stray cat has failed and will need to be replaced. Estimated cost is around \$7,000. While we currently have that in the 2026 budget, if additional emergency repairs and maintenance continue, JASCOM could require a budget amendment.



Joint Animal Services Commission Director's report

Washington State Legislative Update: Bills of Interest to Joint Animal Services

2025–2026 Legislative Session | Status as of early February 2026

HB 2258 – Animal Control & Shelter Funding Authority

Summary: Authorizes cities and counties to levy an optional household excise tax, subject to voter approval, dedicated to funding animal control and shelter operations, maintenance, and capital needs.

Committee Status: Referred to the House Finance Committee. Awaiting public hearing and committee action

Relevance to JAS: Would create a potential long-term, voter-approved funding mechanism for municipal and regional animal services, addressing structural funding gaps.

HB 2247 – Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) & Telemedicine

Summary: Establishes a statutory definition of the veterinarian-client-patient relationship in Washington and clarifies how veterinary telehealth and telemedicine may be used within that framework.

Committee Status: Public hearing and executive action completed in the House Health Care & Wellness Committee, Currently in House Rules Committee (Rules 2 Review)

Relevance to JAS: Impacts access to veterinary care, shelter medicine practices, and the ability to leverage telemedicine tools in capacity-constrained systems.

HB 1904 – Prohibition on Cat Declawing

Summary: Prohibits non-therapeutic cat declawing statewide, with limited medical exceptions.

Committee Status: Public hearing and executive action completed in the House Health Care & Wellness Committee. Passed committee with a substitute. Currently in House Rules Committee (Rules 2 Review)

Relevance to JAS: Aligns with prevailing animal welfare best practices and may affect owner education, veterinary practices, and intake counseling.

SB 5833 – Pets Left in Unattended Motor Vehicles

Summary: Creates specified conditions under which pets may be left unattended in motor vehicles, including provisions related to temperature control and vehicle operation.



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Committee Status: Public hearing and executive action completed in the Senate Law & Justice Committee. Passed committee. Currently in Senate Rules Committee

Relevance to JAS: May affect enforcement discretion, public expectations, and officer response standards related to animals in vehicles.