

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the Animal Care Advisory Committee of the City of Waxahachie, Texas to be held on ***Friday, November 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.*** in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members: Dustin Deel, Senior Director of Administrative Services
 Cherie K. Batsel
 Tiki Smith
 Brian Burks
 Jennifer Favia Connor
 Vacant
 Vacant, Veterinarian

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. ***Public Comments:*** Persons may address the Animal Care Advisory Committee on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Committee on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.
4. Consider approval of minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee meeting of July 18, 2025
5. Animal Services Staff Report
6. Set next meeting date and time of the Waxahachie Animal Care Advisory Committee
7. Adjourn

The Animal Care Advisory Committee reserves the right to go into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from legal counsel on any agenda item listed herein.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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<i>Notice of Potential Quorum</i> <i>One or more members of the Waxahachie City Council may be present at this meeting.</i> <i>No action will be taken by the City Council at this meeting.</i>

Animal Care Advisory Committee
July 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Animal Care Advisory Committee of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas on Friday, July 18, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cathy Le, Animal Services Manager, Chair
Cherie K. Batsel
Tiki Walker Smith
Brian Burks

Members Absent: Dr. Tommy Menser, Veterinarian
Melony Jordan, Code Enforcement Officer
Nelda Corbell, Humane Society of North Texas

1. Call to Order

Chair Cathy Le called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

2. Invocation

Ms. Le gave the invocation.

3. Public Comments

Vanessa Voldan, 301 Cynisca, Waxahachie, Texas, voiced concerns about the urgent need for a local animal shelter and stronger enforcement of pet registration, particularly for dogs that repeatedly get loose. She noted a rise in pet surrenders and the public's lack of awareness about what happens afterward. Ms. Voldan recommended public education—such as printed flyers—to inform residents about spay/neuter resources. She also highlighted that the shelter is often at capacity and suggested reconsidering euthanasia due to the shortage of adoptive homes. Additionally, she called the ongoing out-of-state transport of animals unsustainable and urged immediate action.

Brenda Mavridis, 5 Sargent Place, Waxahachie, Texas, announced that on Monday, July 21, Dehart will offer \$30 vouchers for the first 50 cats and dogs at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Ennis. She urged the public to help spread the word. Ms. Mavridis also stressed the need for early education on responsible animal care, starting with children, and cited Tri-City as a model for effective animal services. She added that she has been actively seeking food donations from local grocery stores to support abandoned animals.

Tammy Garfillo, 240 Park Place Blvd, Waxahachie, Texas, emphasized the critical need for accessible spay and neuter services. She noted that many residents are unwilling or unable to travel long distances, so there is a strong need for affordable and convenient options—especially for those living in outlying areas. She stressed the importance of finding a way to make spay and neuter services easy and cost-effective on a large scale.

4. Consider approval of minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee meetings of April 25, 2025

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Action:

Tiki Walker Smith moved to approve the minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee meeting of April 25, 2025. Motion was seconded by Cherie K. Batsel and carried unanimously (4-0).

5. Discuss April – June 2025 Statistics

The item was presented by Chair Le, who reported the following statistics for the period of April through June:

- 29 adoptions
- 2 euthanasias
- 46 animals returned to their owners
- 94 intakes

6. Discuss Future Outreach Events

Chair Le introduced the item discussing both past and upcoming outreach events. Recent events included microchipping, a partnership with Duncan Plumbing, and participation in Touch-A-Truck. Upcoming events include the Crossroads of Texas Country Festival, Clear the Shelters, and the Trophy Club Pet Fest.

7. Set next meeting date and time of the Waxahachie Animal Care Advisory Committee

The next meeting is set for November 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

8. Board Member comments

Brian Burks expressed his appreciation for Cathy Le, commending her for the excellent work she is doing.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Souter provided an update regarding six new chip readers that were included in the upcoming budget. These readers are expected to be placed at designated fire departments, and he does not anticipate any issues with their approval, as the budget will be finalized in September. He also shared that the City has allocated funds to purchase an animal carrier trailer, which is anticipated to arrive by September at the latest. This trailer will be used for animal shelter events. Overall, he emphasized that the City Council remains committed to enhancing animal welfare and responding to community concerns.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Garcia
Public Service Officer