



Collier County

Domestic Animal Services

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Today's Date:
March 11, 2026

Meeting Date:
March 18, 2026

Meeting Time:
6:00 PM

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Review Agenda and Meeting Materials

[March 18, 2026, DAS Advisory Committee Meeting Packet](#)

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We welcome your attendance and feedback.

Contact:

Name:

Phone Number: 252-7387

Email: Meredith.McLean@Collier.gov

Date:

Wednesday

March 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Location:

[2800 N. Horseshoe Dr](#)

Collier County Growth
Management
Community
Development
Department
Building

Conference Room
609/610



Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:00 pm

2800 N. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL 34104

Growth Management Community Development,

Conference Rooms 609/610

NOTICE: Persons wishing to speak on an Agenda item must register prior to its presentation. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes, unless the Chair adjusts the Time. Time may be ceded by other in-person registered speakers who are present at the time the speaker is heard.

Speakers are required to complete a “Speaker Registration Form,” list the topic they wish to address, and hand it to a Staff member before the meeting begins. Please wait to be recognized by the Chairman and speak into a microphone. State your name and affiliation before commenting. During the discussion, Committee Members may direct questions to the speaker.

For general public comments on non-agenda topics, registration is required before that portion is called. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

Please silence cell phones and digital devices. There may not be a break in this meeting. Please leave the room to conduct any personal business. All parties participating in the public meeting are to observe Robert's Rules of Order and wait to be recognized by the Chairman. Please speak one at a time into the microphone so the Hearing Reporter can record all statements. The public is welcome to attend either in person or remotely.

Individuals who wish to participate remotely should register for the meeting using the Webex Meeting link: [March 18, 2026](#)

The registration deadline for speaking at the meeting is 6:00 p.m., March 18. Individuals who register will receive an email in advance of the meeting detailing how they can participate

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
5. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
 - a. February 18, 2026 – Attachment 1 Page 3
6. Public Comment– Items not addressed on this Agenda
7. Public Comment - Agenda Items in Sequence.
8. Staff Updates
 - a. Leadership Report
9. Old Business
 - a. Facility Staff Projects Presentation
 - b. Phases of Adoption

10. New Business

- a. Welcome New Committee Members
(Areas & Dates) – Attachment 2..... Page 7
- b. Methods for Increased Volunteer Participation

11. Advisory Board Member Comments

12. Adjourn

If you would like to join the meeting without registering to speak, you may use this link:
[Join the March 18, 2026, DAS Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

Next Meeting Date:

April 15, 2026

Future Meeting Dates:

May 20, 2026

June 17, 2026

July 15, 2026

August 19, 2026

September 15, 2026

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COLLIER COUNTY
DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Naples, Florida,
February 18, 2026

LET IT BE REMEMBERED that the Collier County Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee, in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 6 p.m. for a **MEETING** at Growth Management Community Development Department Room 609/610 2800 N. Horseshoe DR. Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Allen Schantzen
Michele Antonia
Kelly Hyland
Susan Mehas

County Staff in Attendance:

Meredith McLean, Director, Domestic Animal Services
Diane Lynch, Growth Management, Management Analyst

Any persons in need of the verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the audio recording from Domestic Animal Services.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call- Establish a Quorum
A quorum of 3 was confirmed.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve- Susan Mehas
Motion seconded- Michele Antonia
Motion passed unanimously

- V. Agenda and Minutes
 - a. Meeting minutes January 21, 2026

Michele Antonia- Page 6-Question x 2. Page 8 should read “Meredith” McLean
Allen Shantzen- To correct Advisory “Board” To Advisory “Committee” as needed throughout minutes.

Motion to approve- Michele Antonia

Motion seconded- Susan Mehas

Motion passed unanimously

VI. Public comment- Items not addressed on this agenda
None

VII. Public comment- Agenda Items in Sequence

VIII. Staff Updates

a. Leadership Report- Meredith McLean

Total intake 522- 37 Owner surrender. 411 Strays. 54 Confiscated. 20 Transferred in.
215 Adoptions. 70 RTO animals.

113 Transfers out. 15 Euthanized. 70 TNR RTO Cats.

Transfer out of shelter- Dogs 21, Cats 91, Other 1, Total 113

Overall increase in Transfers out 32.2%. Dogs 30%, Cats 29.6%

Live Release rate- 96%. Save Rate- 95%

Adoptions- 3% Increase

Allen Schantzen- Are the 30-day returns included in these numbers

Meredith McLean- Those are not included. I can break it out and bring the numbers back to the committee.

Susan Mehas- Where do you put Save a Life and Confiscations

Meredith McLean- Save a Life is a separate number, not state-mandated.

Confiscations are included.

Collier County Purr and Play- Grand opening March 4, 2026. 900 sq ft designed for cats and human social interaction. Hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 9 am-4 pm. 45 minutes sessions.

Staffing- Marketing Coordinator has started. Reviewing calendars, events, and schedules. Customer Service Representative with HR. 2 Customer Service positions are still open. The Behavior Coordinator is with HR. Animal Care Specialist-application period has closed. Will be reviewing candidates. The 2nd Veterinarian position is open.

Adoption Contract- Still working. We should have it by our next meeting.

Ordinances- No answer yet.

Allen Shantzen- Can we have a facilities update at our next meeting

Meredith McLean- They will be presenting at our next meeting to give a full update.

Allen Shantzen- Would like to see Capital projects planned over the next 18 months.

IX. Old Business

a. Seat Nominations Update

Districts 2 and 3- Confirmed Commissioners will support our nominations. They will be voted on at the March 10 BOCC meeting and will be at our next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2026.

The at-large position doesn't require BOCC or District support.

Allen Shantzen- District 1 is still open

Meredith McLean- Correct

b. Marketing Updates & Attending Outreach Events

Meredith McLean- Email of upcoming events was sent to committee members for review

Kitten College- 25 Registered

X. New Business

a. New Applications, District 1 Seat- Attachment 2

Allen Schantzen- Applicants are not present. Kelly is absent. We will wait until the next committee meeting to vote.

i. Batista

ii. Cirillo

iii. Hyland

b. Animal Intake; Reporting Reason

Meredith McLean- Kelly was going to talk about this—no context with submission. Push to next meeting.

Allen Schantzen- Do not adopt a list for offenders

Susan Mehas- Who do we report slaughterhouses to?

Meredith McLean- I can look into that for you.

c. Adoption Process and Aftercare

Meredith McLean- Submission from Kelly/Follow-up

Allen Shantzen- Aftercare. Follow up and follow through on sensitive cases with the Sheriff's office. For non-emergency cases, call the non-emergency phone number. For injured animals, the same number rings out to code. Can we have that clarified on the website? Nothing states "for emergencies."

Susan Mehas- Dispatch said they are available from 7 a.m.-10 p.m., 365 Days a year. Please get our number out so people stop calling DAS and start calling dispatch. 2 Main lost pet pages have been updated.

Allen Schantzen- Who do we call for a wellness check

Meredith McLean- Through Code Enforcement, but it has to be a valid reason. Gets entered through the Animal Code chain.

Susan Mehas- Do we have a “Do not Adopt” list yet

Meredith McLean- No central database except the Florida State Required database.

XI. Advisory Committee Member comments

Susan Mehas- How are the foster numbers

Meredith McLean- We are working on streamlining the process. We want to grow our foster program. The foster to adopt list is dwindling down.

Allen Schantzen- Can we have the main DAS webpage updated with a list of Frequently Asked Questions with answers

Meredith McLean- Yes, I like that idea.

Public Comment- Victoria Redstall on item A New Business-

I would still like to be considered for a seat on the committee. I have great ideas for reducing the population and would like to be a part of the committee.

XII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was concluded at 6:45 pm.

Collier County Domestic Animal Services

Allen Schantzen- Chair

These minutes were approved by the Committee/ Chairman on _____ (check one) as presented _____, or as amended _____.



Board of Collier County Commissioners

Rick LoCastro Chris Hall Burt L. Saunders Dan Kowal William L. McDaniel, Jr.
District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5

March 10, 2026

Victoria Redstall
victoriaredstall@gmail.com

Subject: Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee

Victoria Redstall:

While convened in regular session on the above date, the Board of County Commissioners voted to appoint you to a term on the above-referenced advisory board. Your term will expire on April 13th, 2030, or at such time as the Board re-appoints you or appoints your successor.

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I wish to extend our appreciation for your willingness to serve the residents of Collier County as a member of this advisory committee.

Best regards,

Commissioner Dan Kowal
Chairman, District 4

DK/mb
cc: Meredith McLean



Board of Collier County Commissioners

Rick LoCastro District 1	Chris Hall District 2	Burt L. Saunders District 3	Dan Kowal District 4	William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5
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Jessica Orlando
298 Spider Lily Lane
Naples, FL 34119

Subject: Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee

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March 10, 2026

Rebecca Morris
1145 Jardin Road
Naples, FL 34104

Subject: Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DK', is positioned above the printed name of the commissioner.

Commissioner Dan Kowal
Chairman, District 4

DK/mb
cc: Meredith McLean

Name	Work Phone Home Phone	Appt'd Date Re-appt	Exp. Date 2nd Exp Date	Term 2nd Term
Allen Schantzen - Chairman E-Mail: stackoil@comcast.net District: 4 Category:		08/13/24	04/13/27	3 Years
Susan Mehas – Vice Chair E-Mail: smehas@johnrwood.com District: 4 Category: At Large*		08/13/24	04/13/28	4 Years
Ms. Kelly Hyland E-Mail: kh2021asab@yahoo.com District: 1 Category:		02/09/21 04/26/22	04/13/22 04/13/26	1 Year 4 Years
Victoria C Redstall E-Mail: victoriaredstall@gmail.com District: 2 Category:		03/10//2026	04/13/2030	4 Years
Jessica Orlando E-Mail: jessica.orlando298@gmail.com District: 3 Category:		03/10/2026	04/13/2030	4 Years
Rebecca Morris E-Mail: becca.morris@pbhsnaples.org District: 4 Category: At Large*		03/10/2026	04/13/2030	4 Years
Ms. Michele Antonia E-Mail: animalcompassionproject@earthlink.net District: 5 Category:		06/14/22	04/13/2026	4 Years

The Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee is a 7-member board originally created by Ordinance No. 2004- 06 on January 27, 2004, that has been repealed and replaced on September 23, 2025 by; [Ordinance No. 2025-43](#), to provide independent review, guidance, and recommendations regarding the operations of Domestic Animal Services, including: internal operations proficiency, fiscal management, department branding, volunteer program development, and community outreach that will further assist Collier County Domestic Animal Services in providing the best possible service to the community. The initial terms of office of the Committee members shall be as follows:

1. Three members will serve a term of four years.
2. Two members will serve a term of three years.

Thereafter, each appointment shall be for a term of four years. All appointments shall be in accordance with Collier County General Advisory Board's Ordinance No. 2001- 55, as it may be amended or by its successor Ordinance. Existing terms will be kept.



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