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TO: MEMBERS OF THE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE ON
STATEWIDE ANIMAL CONTROL STANDARDS

DATE: December 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Joint Study Committee on Statewide Animal
Control Standards

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Attached is the report of the Joint Study Committee on Statewide Animal Control Standards required pursuant to Laws 2023, Ch. 116. This report has been distributed to the following individuals:

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Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs

President of the Senate

Senator Warren Petersen

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Representative Ben Toma

Members of the Joint Study Committee on Statewide Animal Control Standards

Senator John Kavanagh, Co-Chair
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Mr. Jose Pena
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Joint Study Committee on Statewide Animal Control Standards Report

Background

The Joint Study Committee on Statewide Animal Control Standards (Committee) is established by Laws 2023, Chapter 116. Pursuant to the enacting legislation, the purpose of the Committee is to research and report on the need for statewide consistency of animal control standards.

The Committee's membership consists of the following:

- a) two members of the Senate who are appointed by the President of the Senate (Senate President) and who are members of different political parties with one member to serve as Chairperson;
- b) two members of the House of Representatives (House) who are appointed by the Speaker of the House and who are members of different political parties with one member to serve as Vice Chairperson;
- c) the Director of the Maricopa County Department of Animal Care and Control Services or the Director's designee;
- d) the Director of the Pima County Animal Care Department or the Director's designee;
- e) four representatives of animal control agencies, residing in different counties with populations of fewer than 800,000 persons, two of whom are appointed by the Senate President and two of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- f) four representatives who represent humane animal organizations, two of whom appointed by the Senate President and two of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
- g) one representative, appointed by the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, who is a veterinarian and who is a faculty member at an accredited veterinary college.

The Committee is permitted to use the services of legislative staff to provide administrative and operational services. Additionally, the Committee is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House and a copy of the report to the Secretary of State, by December 31, 2023.

The Committee is repealed on July 1, 2024.

Committee Activity

The Committee held four public meetings on November 13, November 20, November 27 and December 11, 2023. Please refer to the Committee minutes for a list of the presentations and public testimony.

Committee Recommendations

The Committee recommends as aspirational goals the Guidelines of the American Association of Shelter Veterinarians for public shelters in the state of Arizona, and adopted 10 additional recommendations, including those public shelters:

1. utilize the power of social media and technology/software to help reunite lost pets with their owners;
2. assess the viability of utilizing inmate labor, as well as increasing volunteer labor to provide more time-intensive care as outlined in the Should and Ideal categories of ASV;
3. make resources available to adopters and owners, including information about acclimating their new pet in the home, as well as where to find lower cost pet care resources;
4. prioritize in-state over out-of-state transports;
5. partner with law enforcement to ensure that stray animals picked up overnight and when the shelter is closed can be temporarily housed safely;
6. prioritize the spay and neuter of adoptable surrendered animals, if necessary, upon intake and offered for adoption;
7. have volunteer programs and develop strategies for recruitment, initial and continuing training, retention appreciation events and rewards;
8. review and examine sheltering best practices;
9. make shelter standards in place at each Animal Care and Control, along with any key policies and protocols, available to volunteers and the public; and
10. share population data with a central repository if available to share the information and facilitate inter-shelter transfers.

APPENDIX A:

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Agenda, Minutes, Presentations

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

INTERIM MEETING NOTICE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE ON STATEWIDE ANIMAL CONTROL STANDARDS

Date: Monday, November 13, 2023

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: SHR 1

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Overview of Committee Purpose
4. Presentations
 - Association of Shelter Veterinarians Current Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters
 - Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens, D.V.M., M.S., DABVP-SMP; Clinical Associate Professor at Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine
5. Public Testimony
6. Adjournment

Members:

Senator John Kavanagh, Chair
Senator Eva Diaz
Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens
John Castaneda
Monica Dangler
Arleen Garcia
Patty Gillmore
Annette Lagunas

Representative Quang H. Nguyen, Vice Chair
Representative Keith Seaman
Debbie McKnight
Audra Michael
Liz Olson
Jose Pena
Michelle Ryan

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Members Present:

Senator John Kavanagh, Chair	Representative Keith Seaman
Senator Eva Diaz	Debbie McKnight (Linda Anderson Designee)
Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens	Audra Michael, participated via
John Castaneda, participated via	teleconference software
teleconference software	Michelle Ryan, participated via
Monica Dangler (Christina Snow Designee),	teleconference software
participated via teleconference software	
Arleen Garcia, participated via	
teleconference software	

Members Excused:

Patty Gillmore	Representative Quang H. Nguyen, Vice Chair
Annette Lagunas	Liz Olson
	Jose Pena

Staff:

Rachel Andrews, Senate Research Analyst
Samuel Rosenberg, Senate Research Assistant Analyst
Emily Bonner, House Research Analyst
Blanca Santillan Ramos, House Research Assistant Analyst

Chairman Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and attendance was noted.

Chairman Kavanagh requested that the Committee members introduce themselves.

OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE

Chairman Kavanagh provided an overview and purpose of the Committee.

Chairman Kavanagh introduced Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens.

PRESENTATIONS

Association of Shelter Veterinarians Current Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters

Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens D.V.M., M.S., DABVP-SMP, Clinical Associate Professor at Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine, distributed a document entitled "Journal of Shelter Medicine & Community Animal Health" (Attachment A) and distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Animal Sheltering Guidelines: Information for Arizona State Legislature" (Attachment B).

Dr. Bradley-Siemens answered questions posed by the Committee.

Chairman Kavanagh offered comments.

The Committee discussed the agenda for the next meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony took place.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

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Animal Sheltering Guidelines: Information for Arizona State Legislature

Nancy Bradley-Siemens DVM, MNM, MS, DABVP-SMP

Clinical Associate Professor Shelter Medicine and Veterinary Forensics

Midwestern University, College of Veterinary Medicine

Glendale, Arizona

Introduction

- ▶ CV Summary
 - ▶ AZVMA
 - ▶ ASVMEB
 - ▶ MCACC/AHS
 - ▶ Boarded Shelter Medicine Practice (DABVP-SMP)
 - ▶ Law Enforcement/Veterinary Forensics

Arizona Situation

- ▶ Municipal Shelters in AZ
 - ▶ No licensure
 - ▶ Veterinary Premises

Sheltering Resources

- ▶ The Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, Second Edition, published in the Journal of Shelter Medicine and Community Animal Health in 12/2022
- ▶ <https://www.aspcapro.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/asvguidelinessecondedition-2022.pdf>
- ▶ Guidelines Videos (Bootcamp)
- ▶ <https://asv.connectedcommunity.org/resources/guidelines/guidelines-videos>
- ▶ ASV Checklist of Key Statements
- ▶ https://www.aspcapro.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/2022-asv-gl-checklist_0.pdf

Checklist of Key Statements

- ▶ Checklist statements: written, edited and approved by ASV's Board of Directors and Guidelines Taskforce of authors
- ▶ Actionable statements in the Guidelines:
 - ▶ **Unacceptable** practices need to be avoided or prevented without exception
 - ▶ **Must** practices are necessary to ensure humane care
 - ▶ **Should** practices are strongly recommended, and compliance is expected in almost all circumstances
 - ▶ **Ideal** practices are implemented when resources allow

Checklist of Key Statements

- ▶ Self assessment tool, not regulatory or legal document
- ▶ Supplementary to Guidelines document, which provides context and justification
- ▶ **Intended to assist shelters and their consultants measure their operations against those recommended (or not recommended)**
- ▶ **Help shelters prioritize and advocate for needed changes when identified**
- ▶ ASV not an accreditation body that can confirm or deny compliance

The Five Domains: Animal Welfare Status

Table 1. The Five Domains that contribute to an animal's welfare status

	1. Nutrition	2. Environment	3. Health	4. Opportunity	5. Mental state
Positive experiences	Enough food and water Fresh clean water Balanced, variety of food	Comfortable Temperate Routine Clean Interest/variety	Physical health Good function Good body condition Restful sleep	Choice of environment Choice of interaction Behavioral variety (play, hunt, forage, engage, rest) Novelty	Satisfied Engaged Comfortable Affectionate Playful Confident Calm Encouraged
Negative experiences	Restricted water Restricted food Poor quality Monotonous	Too cold or hot Too dark or bright Too loud or quiet Unpredictable Malodorous Soiled Monotonous Uncomfortable	Body dysfunction or impairment Disease Pain Poor fitness	Barren cage Confined space Separation from people or species Restraint Unavoidable sensory inputs	Fearful or anxious Frustrated Bored, lonely Exhausted Ill, painful Uncomfortable Hungry, thirsty

Adapted from Mellor⁴

Shelter Guideline Topics

- ▶ Population Management
 - ▶ Capacity for Care (C4C)
 - ▶ Length of Stay (LOS)
- ▶ Medical (Veterinary Care)
- ▶ Sanitation
- ▶ Public Health

Population Medicine: Capacity for Care

- ▶ Housing Capacity
 - ▶ In-shelter enclosures
 - ▶ Foster homes
 - ▶ Offsite housing
- ▶ Shelter Personnel
 - ▶ Time and skills
- ▶ Resources
 - ▶ Finances
 - ▶ Material goods
- ▶ Admissions/Outcome Planning

Personnel: Kennel Staff Example

- ▶ *Required Staff for Daily Care (RSDC) = Minutes per animal * average daily population / 60 to give the number of hours required for care.*
- ▶ *15 minutes * 256 animals / 60 = 64 hours, 8 hour/shift = 8 staff*

- ▶ *Staff Capacity for Daily Care (SCDC) = Minutes of daily staff time for care / minutes required per animal per day*
- ▶ *8 staff (64 hours or 3840 mins)*
- ▶ *3840 minutes / 15 minutes = 256 animals*

Population Management: Length of Stay

- ▶ *Required physical holding capacity (RPHC) = Monthly daily average intake x required holding period*

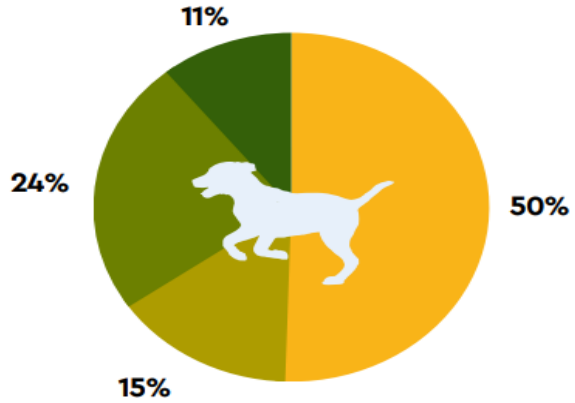
Table 2.1. Example of the relationship between length of stay and shelter population

Average admissions per day	Average length of stay (days)	Average daily population (animals)	Admissions per year (animals)
10	7	70	3,650
10	14	140	3,650
10	21	210	3,650

CANINE INTAKE RATES

2023

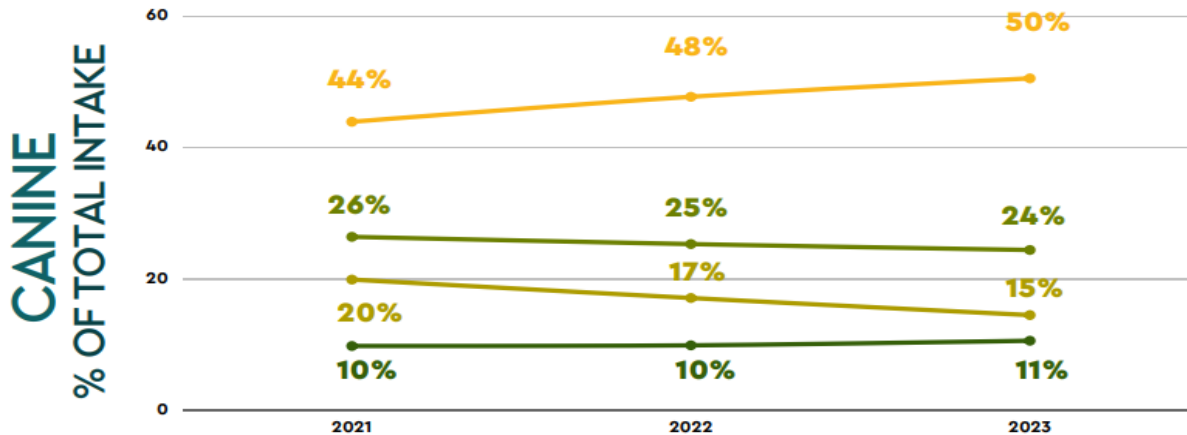
AS A % OF TOTAL INTAKE THRU Q3
(JAN - SEPT 2023)



Stray intakes for dogs continue to rise (+5% from 2022, +23% from 2021).

Owner surrenders are decreasing as a % of total intake.

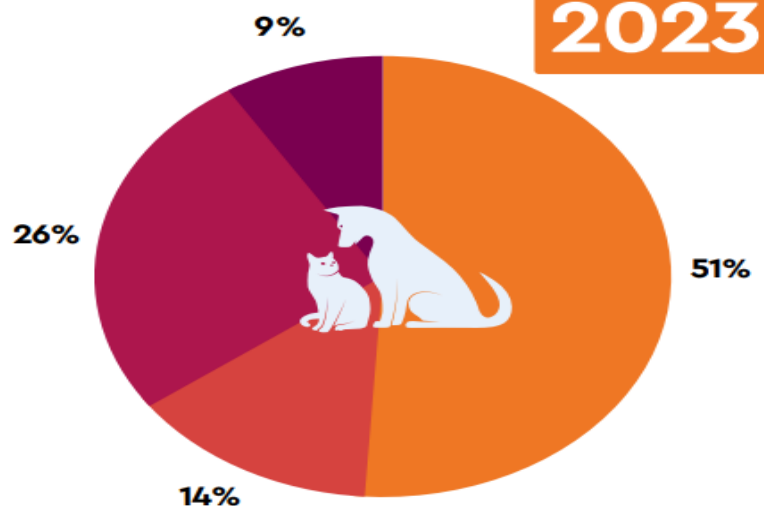
■ STRAY
 ■ TRANSFERRED IN
 ■ RELINQUISHED BY OWNER
 ■ OTHER



COMBINED INTAKE RATES

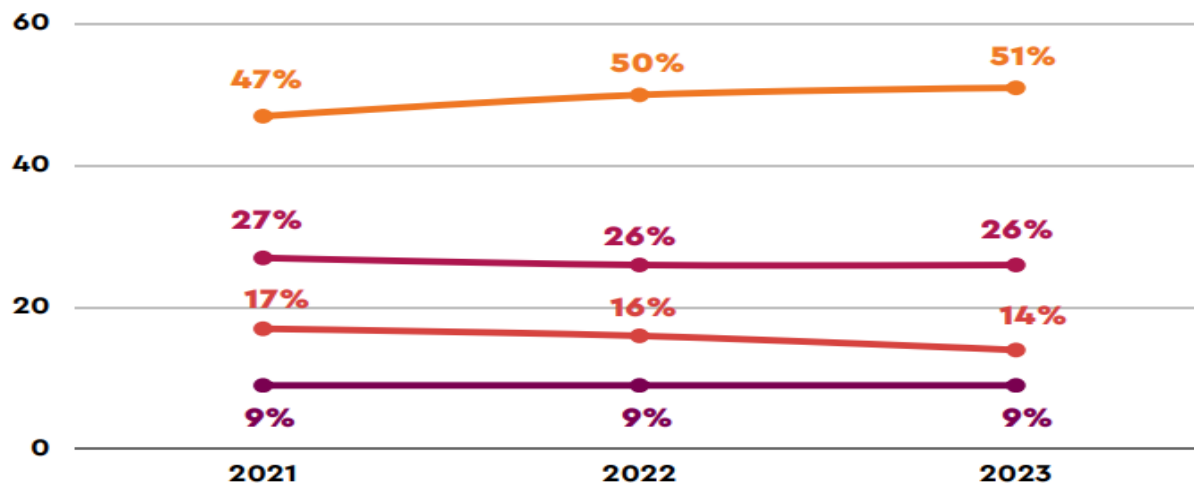
AS A % OF TOTAL INTAKE THRU Q2 (JAN - SEPT 2023)

Stray intakes are increasing, primarily from government-funded organizations.



STRAY TRANSFERRED IN RELINQUISHED BY OWNER OTHER

COMBINED SPECIES
% OF TOTAL INTAKE



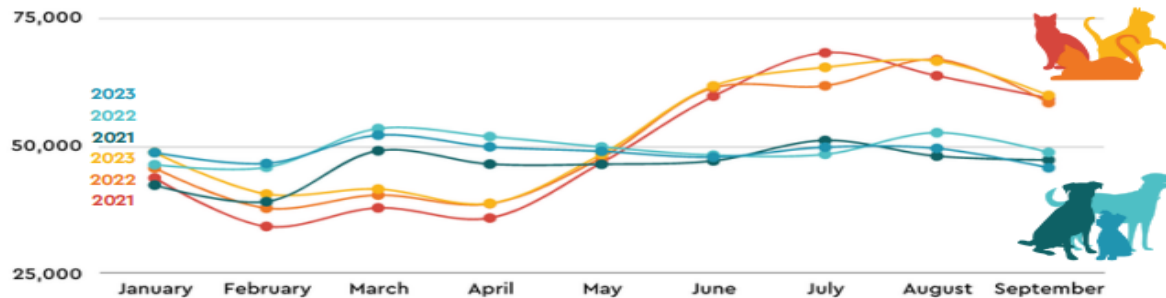
Q3 Report
(shelteranimalscount.org)

TOTAL OUTCOME TYPES LIVE VS. NON-LIVE



COMMUNITY LIVE OUTCOMES

Cats have stayed close to 2022 numbers for the last couple of months. Dogs are experiencing fewer live outcomes than 2022.

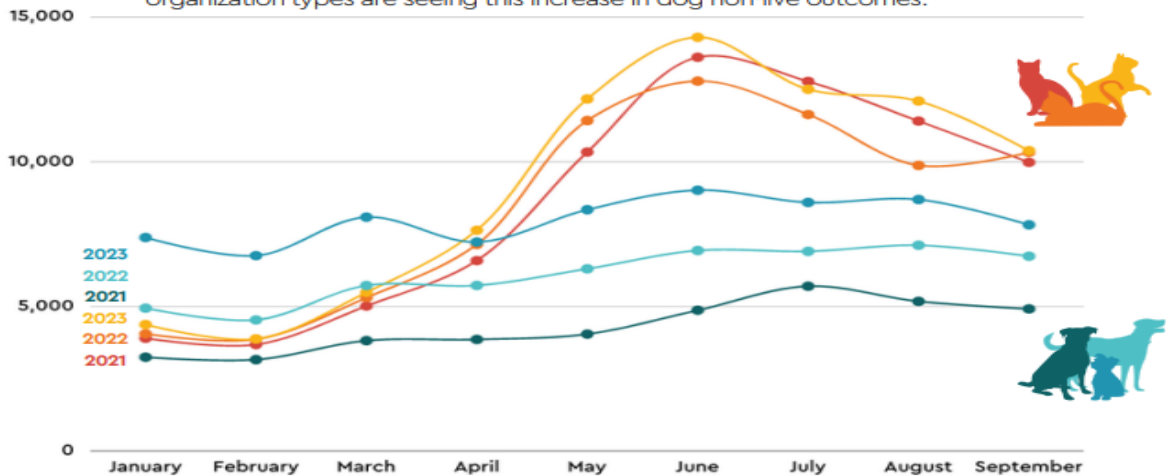


	CATS	DOGS	TOTAL
COMPARED TO 2022	↑ 2.8%	↓ 1.4%	↑ 0.7%
COMPARED TO 2021	↑ 4.9%	↑ 5.3%	↑ 5.1%



NON-LIVE OUTCOMES

Dogs are currently experiencing higher increases in non-live outcomes than cats. All organization types are seeing this increase in dog non-live outcomes.



	CATS	DOGS	TOTAL
COMPARED TO 2022	↑ 8.4%	↑ 30.9%	↑ 17.8%
COMPARED TO 2021	↑ 7.2%	↑ 85.3%	↑ 33.3%

Q3 Report
(shelteranimalscount.org)

Continued Guideline Topics

- ▶ Medical (Veterinary Care)
- ▶ Sanitation
- ▶ Public Health
 - ▶ Vicious (Dangerous) Animals
 - ▶ Zoonosis

Animal Sheltering

- ▶ As an industry animal sheltering starting to **Euthanize** more animals due to the lack of resources and management practices

Questions

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APPENDIX B:

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

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Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: SHR 1

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Discussion
 - Q/A: Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director, Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board
 - Discussion regarding the Standards of Care in Animal Shelters
5. Public Testimony
6. Adjournment

Members:

Senator John Kavanagh, Chair
Senator Eva Diaz
Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens
John Castaneda
Monica Dangler
Arleen Garcia
Patty Gillmore
Annette Lagunas

Representative Quang H Nguyen, Vice Chair
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Members Present:

Senator John Kavanagh, Chair
Senator Eva Diaz *
Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens
John Castaneda*
Monica Dangler*
Arleen Garcia*
Patty Gillmore*
Annette Lagunas*

Representative Quang H. Nguyen, Vice Chair
Representative Keith Seaman
Debbie McKnight
Audra Michael*
Jose Pena
Michelle Ryan*

*Participated via a teleconference platform.

Members Excused:

Liz Olson

Staff:

Rachel Andrews, Senate Research Analyst
Samuel Rosenberg, Senate Research Assistant Analyst
Blanca Santillan Ramos, House Research Assistant Analyst

Chairman Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Kavanagh stated that without objection, the minutes of November 13, 2023 were approved as distributed.

DISCUSSION

Q/A: Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director, Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director, Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, gave an overview of veterinary training, duties and jurisdiction over the shelter animals. Ms. Whitmore answered questions posed by the Committee.

Discussion regarding the Standards of Care in Animal Shelters

Chairman Kavanagh distributed a questionnaire entitled "Maricopa County Animal Care & Control, Animal Control Study Committee" (Attachment A) and asked each member to address the questions.

Jose Pena, Santa Cruz County Animal Care and Control, addressed the questions in the questionnaire (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Debbie McKnight, Interim Director, Maricopa County Animal Care & Control addressed the questions in the questionnaire (Attachment A).

Arleen Garcia, Animal Control Supervisor, Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center, Sierra Vista, addressed the questions in the questionnaire (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Annette Lagunas, Executive Director, Humane Society of Yuma, addressed the questions in the questionnaire (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Monica Dangler, Director, Pima Animal Care Center, Pima County, Arizona, addressed the questions in the questionnaire (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Audra Michael, Director, Pinal County Animal Care and Control, addressed the questions in the questionnaire (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Michelle Ryan, Executive Director, Coconino Humane Association, addressed the questions in the questionnaire (Attachment A).

John Castaneda, Program Director, Gila County Animal Control, addressed the questions in the questionnaire (Attachment A).

Patty Gillmore, Executive Director, Western Arizona Humane Society, participated remotely via a teleconference platform but was not able to communicate with the members due to technical difficulties.

Chairman Kavanagh discussed the agenda for the next meeting and notified the members that the Committee will be voting on the Standards of Care in Animal Shelters. He asked the members to email their recommendations to the analyst.

The Committee offered comments.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

MJ Simpson, representing self, expressed her concerns on animal conditions and on the standards of care recommendations.

Debra Nolen, Lobbyist, Community at Large, testified in support of shelters and adopting animal control standards.

Terri Hoffman, representing self, testified in support of the recommendations for the Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, the spraying and neutering and licensing of animals.

Jenna Pavleck, representing self, testified on the issues regarding animal rescues.

The Committee offered comments.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the agenda items (Attachment B).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

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APPENDIX C:

NOVEMBER 27, 2023

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Discussion
 - Amendments to the ASV Guidelines
5. Public Testimony
6. Committee Recommendations
7. Adjournment

Members:

Senator John Kavanagh, Chair
Senator Eva Diaz
Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens
John Castaneda
Monica Dangler
Arleen Garcia
Patty Gillmore
Annette Lagunas

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Members Present:

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Senator Eva Diaz*
Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens
John Castaneda*
Monica Dangler*
Arleen Garcia*
Annette Lagunas*

Representative Keith Seaman
Debbie McKnight
Audra Michael
Lt. Jose Pena*
Michelle Ryan*

Members Excused:

Patty Gillmore

Representative Quang H. Nguyen, Vice Chair
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Samuel Rosenberg, Senate Research Assistant Analyst
Emily Bonner, House Research Analyst
Blanca Santillan Ramos, House Research Assistant Analyst

Chairman Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and attendance was called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Kavanagh stated that without objection, the Committee minutes of November 20, 2023 stand approved.

Senator Kavanagh made opening comments.

DISCUSSION

Amendments to the ASV Guidelines

Senator Kavanagh read the Draft Committee Recommendations (Attachment A) and offered comments.

Representative Seaman offered comments.

Monica Dangler offered comments.

Senator Kavanagh offered additional comments.

Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens offered comments.

Senator Kavanagh continued reading the Draft Committee Recommendations (Attachment A).

Ms. Dangler offered additional comments.

Debbie McKnight answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. McKnight answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Audra Michael answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kavanagh continued reading the Draft Committee Recommendations (Attachment A) and offered additional comments.

Michelle Ryan offered comments.

The Committee offered additional comments.

Arleen Garcia offered comments.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens offered additional comments.

Ms. Garcia answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kavanagh offered additional comments.

Martha German, Humane Voters of Arizona, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kavanagh offered additional comments.

Ms. German answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. McKnight offered additional comments.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Garcia offered additional comments.

Senator Kavanagh answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Garcia offered additional comments.

Senator Kavanagh offered additional comments.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens offered additional comments.

Senator Kavanagh answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Dangler offered additional comments.

Senator Kavanagh explained the document entitled "Summation/Whitepaper" (Attachment B) which was distributed by **Debra Nolen, Don't Leave Me. Org.**

Dr. Bradley-Siemens answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered additional comments.

Ms. McKnight offered additional comments and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

M.J. Simpson, representing self, offered comments regarding the Committee discussion.

Senator Kavanagh offered comments.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens offered comments.

Senator Kavanagh offered additional comments.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens offered additional comments.

Ms. McKnight offered comments.

Ms. Simpson offered additional comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens offered additional comments.

Ms. Simpson answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kavanagh offered additional comments.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens offered additional comments.

Ms. Garcia offered comments.

Ms. Simpson offered additional comments.

Senator Kavanagh answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kavanagh answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Annette Lagunas offered comments.

The Committee offered additional comments.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kavanagh answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Debra Nolen, Don't Leave Me. Org, offered comments regarding the Committee discussion and explained the purpose of the document entitled "Summation/Whitepaper" (Attachment B).

The Committee offered additional comments.

Dr. Bradley-Siemens offered additional comments and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Stephanie Nichols Young, Animal Defense League of Arizona, offered comments regarding the Committee discussion.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee recommend as aspirational goals the Guidelines of the American Association of Shelter Veterinarians for public shelters in the state of Arizona. (See Attachment A of the November 13, 2023 meeting minutes.)

Senator Kavanagh moved the following five amendments be adopted:

- 1. Utilize the power of social media and technology/software to help reunite lost pets with their owners.**
- 2. Assess the viability of utilizing inmate labor, as well as increasing volunteer labor to provide more time-intensive care as outlined in the Should and Ideal categories of ASV.**
- 3. Make resources available to adopters and owners, including information about acclimating their new pet in the home, as well as where to find lower cost pet care resources.**
- 4. Prioritize in-state over out-of-state transports.**
- 5. Partner with law enforcement to ensure that stray animals picked up overnight and when the shelter is closed can be temporarily housed safely.**

The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

Senator Kavanagh moved the following amendment be adopted:

Adoptable surrendered animals should be spayed/neutered, if necessary, as soon as possible upon intake and offered for adoption.

Ms. Michael offered comments.

The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

Senator Kavanagh moved the following amendment be adopted:

Shelters should have volunteer programs and develop strategies for recruitment, initial and continuing training, retention appreciation events and rewards.

The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

Senator Kavanagh moved the following amendment be adopted:

Shelters should review and examine sheltering best practices.

The Committee offered comments.

The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

Senator Kavanagh moved the following amendment be adopted:

Shelter standards in place at each Animal Care and Control, along with any key policies and protocols, should be available to volunteers and the public.

Representative Seaman offered comments.

The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

Senator Kavanagh moved the following amendment be adopted:

Shelters should share population data with a central repository if available to share the information and facilitate inter-shelter transfers.

The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Kavanagh moved the original motion as amended. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-3-3 (Attachment 1).

Senator Kavanagh asked if the Committee wants to meet again next week for the purposes of further amending the motion. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-5-3 (Attachment 2).

Senator Kavanagh offered closing comments.

Ms. Lagunas offered comments.

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment C).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Dickey
Committee Secretary

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APPENDIX D:

DECEMBER 11, 2023

Agenda, Minutes, Presentations

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

INTERIM MEETING NOTICE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE ON STATEWIDE ANIMAL CONTROL STANDARDS

Date: Monday, December 11, 2023

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: SHR 1

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Discussion
 - Discussion of the ASV Guidelines
 - Discussion of the Formal Recommendations
5. Public Testimony
6. Committee Recommendations
7. Adjournment

Members:

Senator John Kavanagh, Chair
Senator Eva Diaz
Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens
John Castaneda
Monica Dangler
Arleen Garcia
Patty Gillmore
Annette Lagunas

Representative Quang H Nguyen, Vice Chair
Representative Keith Seaman
Debbie McKnight
Audra Michael
Liz Olson
Jose Pena
Michelle Ryan

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ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Minutes of the Meeting
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Members Present:

Senator John Kavanagh, Chair	Representative Quang H. Nguyen, Vice Chair
Senator Eva Diaz*	Debbie McKnight
John Castaneda*	Audra Michael*
Monica Dangler*	Jose Pena*
Arleen Garcia*	Michelle Ryan*
Annette Lagunas*	

Members Excused:

Dr. Nancy Bradley-Siemens	Representative Keith Seaman
Patty Gillmore	Liz Olson

*Participated remotely via a teleconference platform.

Staff:

Samuel Rosenberg, Senate Research Assistant Analyst
Liam Maher, Director of Senate Research
Emily Bonner, House Research Analyst
Blanca Santillan Ramos, House Research Assistant Analyst

Chairman Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Kavanagh stated that without objection, the Committee minutes of November 27, 2023 stand approved.

DISCUSSION

Discussion of the ASV Guidelines

Senator Kavanagh asked the Committee if there was discussion or recommendations on the guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters.

Debbie McKnight read a statement (Attachment A) of her recommendation for the Committee to discuss.

Discussion of the Formal Recommendations

The Committee discussed the recommendations and guidelines.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Stephanie Nichols-Young, Animal Defense League of Arizona, offered comments regarding the Committee discussion on the guidelines.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Senator Kavanagh moved the following amendment as proposed by Debbie McKnight (Attachment A) be adopted:

With the understanding that different communities have differing levels of resources and needs, the Committee supports the use of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters and the additional recommendations adopted by the Committee as the example by which animal shelters should align their policies. The Committee acknowledges that, in order to meet all the 553 guidelines outlined in the Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, an enormous amount of resources, both financial and human, as well as community support would be needed. This Committee recommends that shelters use the Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters and the guidelines adopted by the Committee as just that: guidelines by which to align their processes, procedures and resources. As resources allow, shelters should focus first on ceasing any unacceptable practices and then work to achieve the guidelines labeled must, should and ideal.

The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 10-0-5 (Attachment 1).

Annette Lagunas posed a question to the Committee.

Attached is form noting the individual who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment B).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

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