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**Lakewood Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board**

March 18th, 2026 Meeting

Location: East Conference Room

**Present:** Board Members: Emily Christescu, Nancy Binder, Julia Garleb, Teresa Schleicher, Juleen Russell, Councilperson Angelina Hamilton Steiner, ACO Gary Crumley

**Not present:** Amanda McCready, Phyllis Dykes, Stacey Zigman, Lise Stevens

**Lakewood Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board Meeting  
Minutes Wednesday March 18th, 2026**

I. Welcome and roll call conducted by Board Chair Binder. 5 voting members present.

II. Approval of February Meeting Minutes - Board

- a. Board Member Christescu notices an error on the February minutes: bullet II should read January, not February. She requests to vote to approve the minutes with that edit. Unanimous verbal vote in favor of motion to waive formal reading of the minutes. Motion passes to approve the minutes.

III. Lakewood Animal Control Update

- a. ACO Crumley distributes a spreadsheet with Animal Control/Shelter data. He congratulates the board on passing the updated TNR ordinance, noting that the changes will go into effect within 10 days of the Mayor signing the ordinance. The two bichon frise dogs, Rudder and Aileron, were adopted. ACO Crumley thanks CCLAS (Citizens Committee for Lakewood's Animals and Shelter) for the financial backing of their medical procedures. The new ShelterPro software update is going well; the shelter is transferring data. Training should take place around April 7th and then the site will go live shortly after. ACO Crumley reports on the animals in the shelter: 1 cat, 1 french bulldog in their custody from the court (needs neutered), 2 bulldogs (microchipped but not registered), another dog awaiting next of kin to come forward to claim (but may need dental work), and 1 cocker spaniel.

IV. Committees & Initiatives

- a. The TNR Ordinance unanimously passed at Monday's council meeting on March 16th.
- b. Community Events - LCSC Pet Food Drive - Board Member Russell reports that not much has happened since last month's meeting. She followed up with Ms. Emmie Hutchinson from H2O and is waiting to hear back from her. Two Saturday dates have been targeted for the event: 5/9 or 5/16. She welcomes help from anyone willing to assist with advertising and asks the board to suggest any other local groups like Girl Scouts, etc. that may like to join the fundraising efforts. Board Member Russell will contact Ms. Hutchinson again to secure H2O's involvement, even if it's on a small level. The board discusses donation boxes. Board Chair Binder offers to contact Inn the



Doghouse; Board Member Christescu offers to contact Pets General. Board Member Russell asks the board to find other local businesses that may be willing to host a box. The group considers Roberts and Wendt Animal Hospital and Lakewood Animal Hospital. Board Member Russell will circle back with the date and work on flyers.

#### V. Communications

- a. Social Media Posts/Articles - ACO Crumley mentions that trapping season starts April 1st and suggests creating content about coexisting with wildlife. Board Member Schleicher offers to put together a few posts and bring them to the next meeting. Board Member Christescu reminds the board to consider what is seasonally appropriate, trends in town and upcoming holidays when creating content. Board Member Christescu suggests looking up Animal Control appreciation day - Board Member Garleb says the second full week of April is Animal Control appreciation week. Councilperson Hamilton Steiner offers to write a resolution recognizing that. Board Member Russell mentions re-using old content that is still relevant. Councilperson Hamilton Steiner suggests skunk mating season.

Motion is made to adjourn; motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.