

Animal Control Advisory Board**Wednesday, November 5, 2025****1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL**Members' Present**

Steve Tuttle, Chair of the Animal Control Advisory Board

Cesar Afanador, Vice-Chair of the Animal Control Advisory Board

Diane Harris, Animal Welfare Representative

Rebecca Ironmonger, Veterinarian and Secretary of the Animal Control Advisory Board

Mackenzie Jones, Citizen Member

Doug Isleib, Citizen Member

Hollis Lampe, St. Mary's County Animal Shelter Division Manager

Members Not Present

Susan Morris, Environmental Health Division

A. Review & Approve Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the Sept 3, 2025, meeting as presented.

Motion by Cesar Afanador, second by Mackenzie Jones.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rebecca Ironmonger, Mackenzie Jones, Doug Isleib

3. PRESENTATION(S)**A. Special Presentation**

Steve Tuttle presented Diane Harris with a Letter of Commendation in recognition of her outstanding dedication and unwavering commitment to animal welfare in St. Mary's County. Later in the meeting, Steve announced that this was Cesar final meeting and expressed his appreciation for his service and contribution to the board.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Shelter Update

Hollis Lampe provided an update on Shelter adoption statistics, outcomes, Animal Control call volume, and food pantry distributions, she also announced the hiring of a part-time veterinarian.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting Calendar 2026

I move to approve calendar dates for 2026 as presented.

Motion by Rebecca Ironmonger, second by Diane Harris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rebecca Ironmonger, Mackenzie Jones, Doug Isleib

B. Annual Report Reminders

Steve Tuttle reminded the Board that the Annual Report is required to be submitted to the Boards, Committees, and Commissions by January 31st.

6. BOARD MEMBER TIME

- Doug Isleib congratulated the shelter on the hiring of a veterinarian. He commended the professionalism and compassion demonstrated by the shelter staff during recent circumstances involving the medical needs of the animals. Doug also commented on the increase in owner surrenders and the shelter's strong adoption rate, attributing this to the shelter's positive reputation and the community's confidence that the animals will be well cared for.
- Mackenzie Jones thanked Hollis and her team for their outstanding work and expressed her appreciation to Cesar for his service on the Board.
- Hollis Lampe acknowledged the dedication and commitment of her team to the shelter and thanked them for their continued efforts. She also expressed her appreciation to Cesar for his service on the Board.

- Rebecca Ironmonger thanked Hollis Lampe for her efforts and noted that the shelter staff is fortunate to have her leadership and guidance. She also commended the hiring of the new veterinarian. Rebecca expressed her appreciation to Cesar for his time and dedication to the Board, adding that he will be greatly missed.
- Diane Harris echoed the sentiments of the Board in thanking Cesar for his service and reiterated how much he would be missed. She also expressed her appreciation to Hollis, commending her for the excellent work she is doing. Diane reminded the Board and the community that homes for feral cats are always being sought.
- Cesar Afanador thanked the Board for the time and support they had invested in him during his service and for their continued commitment to promoting the welfare of the animals in St. Mary's County. He expressed that he would miss his appointment on the Board but intends to remain involved and supporting the mission of the shelter. Cesar also extended his appreciation to many individuals who contributed to his journey.
- Steve Tuttle also thanked Cesar for his service on the Board and noted that he looks forward to seeing him continuing his involvement on other County Boards. He congratulated Hollis on her one-year anniversary with St. Mary's County and highlighted the goals, achieved and progress made under her leadership. Steve concluded by making a public appeal for donations to the Pet Pantry to support the efforts to help keep pets in their existing homes.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

8. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM.

Motion by Diane Harris, second by Rebecca Ironmonger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cesar Afanador, Steve Tuttle, Diane Harris, Rebecca Ironmonger, Mackenzie Jones, Doug Isleib

Darlene Mund Recorder

Minutes approved by Animal Control Advisory Board on January 7th, 2026.