



DU PAGE COUNTY

Animal Services Committee

Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, October 21, 2025

7:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Krajewski at 7:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

With a quorum in the room, Chair Krajewski made a motion to allow Vice Chair DeSart to participate remotely. Member Garcia seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken. All were in favor.

PRESENT:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill, Grant Eckhoff, Paula Garcia, Krajewski and Melissa Martinez
REMOTE:	District 5 Dawn DeSart

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR KRAJEWSKI

Chair Krajewski has been talking with the DAF board president regarding funding needs for FY27 on. DAF's annual fundraising goal will be \$750K minimum beginning in FY27.

DAF will again host their fundraising gala event in the spring. Look for more information to come soon.

DAF board president and Foundation Coordinator have been making the rounds to local service organizations and presenting to Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, etc. to educate community members on what Animal Services does. Visits have been well-received with several clubs lining up to host events at shelter, host wish list drives, and assist with fundraising.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

5.A. [25-2516](#)

Animal Services Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Attachments: [Summary Minutes - August 2025](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. PROCUREMENT REQUISITIONS**6.A. [25-2518](#)**

Second amendment to Contract 5853-0001 SERV, issued to RWE Design Build, to provide Professional Construction Manager Services on an At-Risk basis for the Animal Services Facility Addition, for a change order to extend the contract to November 30, 2026. No change in contract amount.

Attachments: [RWE Design Build - Change Order](#)
 [RWE Design Build - Decision Memo](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

7. GRANTS**7.A. [FI-R-0165-25](#)**

Acceptance and appropriation of interest earned on investment for the DuPage Animal Friends Unrestricted PY25 Grant, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1310, in the amount of \$1,471. (Animal Services)

Attachments: [DAFUNR25 Appropriating Interest Budget - ATTACHMENT I](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

8. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Laura shared current animal population stats: current population is 248, of which 181 are cats. Cats continue to present space challenges. Animal Services will be targeting spay/neuter resources at cats to help reduce unwanted litters and slow the flow of cats into the shelter system.

Requests for owner relinquishment continue to come in, as do the number of cats found outdoors. The most common reason for cat relinquishment is financial hardship, often combined with other personal circumstances.

Staff are discussing ways of getting supplies and medical care resources into the community but the problem is so pervasive and growing so quickly that need is far out-pacing available resources.

Intake has been significant so far this year. 1,848 animals were admitted in all of 2024. Intake for 2025 year to date is already above 2,200 animals. The majority arrived as strays from the public or municipal partners. 846 are owner relinquished animals.

Animal Services hosted a very successful free vaccine/microchip clinic on September 8th. Lines were so long that several clients had to be turned away at the end of the night with a voucher to be redeemed for free vaccines/microchip at a later date. More than 180 animals were vaccinated and microchipped during the event on Sept. 8th with another 25 event vouchers redeemed post event.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.