



# AGENDA

## Tri-Cities Animal Control Authority

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5:30 PM - Thursday, June 11, 2026  
Pasco City Hall, Council Chambers

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**1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - The public may address the Tri-Cities Animal Control Authority (TCACA) on any items related to animal control within Kennewick, Pasco or Richland. This is to provide the opportunity to bring items to the attention of the TCACA or to express an opinion on an issue. Its purpose is not to provide a venue for debate or for the posing of questions with the expectation of an immediate response. Some questions require consideration by the TCACA over time and after a deliberative process with input from a number of different sources; some questions are best directed to staff who have access to specific information. Public comments will normally be limited to three minutes each. Those with lengthy messages are invited to summarize their comments and/or submit written information for consideration by the TCACA outside of formal meetings.

**3. TCACA AGENCY REPORTS**

**4. TRI-CITIES ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATES**

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**5. OLD BUSINESS**

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**8. ADJOURNMENT**

# Tri-Cities Animal Control Authority (TCACA)



City of  
**Pasco**  
Washington



# TCACA Members

City of Pasco Representative: City Manager: Harold Stewart

City of Richland Representative: City Manager: Jon Amundson

City of Kennewick Representative: City Manager: Erin Erdman

City of Pasco Chairman/Interim Parks and Recreation Director: Angela Pashon

City of Pasco/TCAS Manager: Ben Zigan

City of Pasco Administrative Assistant II: Elizabeth Farrell

City of Pasco/TCAS Department Assistant II: Krista Hahn

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# Tri-Cities Animal Services (TCAS) General Responsibilities

- **Animal Control Services** – Response to nuisance animal complaints, investigate reports of animal cruelty/neglect, assist law enforcement and 24/7 response to sick, injured and aggressive animals. Public education of pet owner responsibilities and resources.
- **Animal Sheltering Services** – Daily animal care to include medical services. Stray animal intake. Adoption, redemption, transfer, foster and rescue placement. Volunteer management.
- **Community Outreach and Education** – Adoption and community events, community outreach dog, educational presentations, and social media.

# Current Staffing

POSITION	NUMBER OF STAFF	EMPLOYMENT TYPE
Animal Services Manager	1	Full Time
Animal Control Supervisor	1	Full Time
Animal Control Dispatcher	1	Full Time
Animal Control Officer	3	Full Time
Department Assistant II/Volunteer Coordinator	1	Full Time
Customer Service Representative	2	Full Time
Transfer/Foster Coordinator	1	Full Time
Animal Intake/Medical Assistants	2	Full Time
Vet Tech Assistant	0 of 1	Part Time
Animal Care Lead	1	Full Time
Animal Care Technician	6 of 7	Full Time
Veterinarian	1	Part-Time

# Quarterly Shelter Statistics

## DOGS

### JAN - APRIL

411

215

28

87

88

9

2

0

**TOTAL INTAKES**

**ADOPTED**

**ADOPTED AND RETURNED**

**REDEEMED**

**TRANSFERRED OUT**

**EUTHANASIA: MEDICAL**

**EUTHANASIA: MUNICIPAL CODE**

**EUTHANASIA: BEHAVIORAL**

## CATS

### JAN - APRIL

448

212

8

16

115

44

0

0

**DOGS**  
**JAN - APRIL**

# Quarterly Jurisdictional Intake Breakdown

**CATS**  
**JAN - APRIL**

58

**RICHLAND INTAKES**

81

14%

**RICHLAND PERCENTAGE**

18%

181

**KENNEWICK INTAKES**

178

44%

**KENNEWICK PERCENTAGE**

40%

172

**PASCO INTAKES**

189

42%

**PASCO PERCENTAGE**

42%

411

**TOTAL INTAKES**

448

# Quarterly Metrics

## Jan - April

### Euthanasia:

Total: 55

Cat: 44

Dog: 11

### Return Rate:

Shelter Wide: 3.75%

Cat: 1.8%

Dog: 6.83%

### Daily Capacity:

Shelter Average: 61 animals

Cat: 57

Dog: 65

### Euthanasia Reason:

Medical: 53

Municipal: 2

### Housing Capacity:

Cat: 68

Dog: 75

### Euthanasia Rate:

6.5%

### Average Length of Stay:

Shelter Wide: 11.5 days

Cat: 12 days

Dog: 11 days

### Foster Rate:

132 Animal Placements

**Live Release Rate: 88%**

# Year To Date Shelter Statistics

## DOGS

### 2026 YTD

528

34

275

119

118

16

2

0

**TOTAL INTAKES**

**ADOPTED THEN RETURNED**

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## CATS

### 2026 YTD

702

10

256

18

133

65

0

0

**DOGS**  
**2026 YTD**

# YTD Jurisdictional Intake Breakdown

**CATS**  
**2026 YTD**

83

**RICHLAND INTAKES**

104

16%

**RICHLAND PERCENTAGE**

15 %

225

**KENNEWICK INTAKES**

307

43%

**KENNEWICK PERCENTAGE**

44 %

220

**PASCO INTAKES**

291

41 %

**PASCO PERCENTAGE**

41 %

528

**TOTAL INTAKES**

702

# Euthanasia Action Report:

## Municipal:

**Name:** Lotus

**Breed:** American Pit Bull Terrier

**Intake Date:** 10/17/25

**Intake ID:** A0057020652

**Intake Reason:** Deemed Dog Surrendered for Euthanasia

**Name:** Lucian

**Breed:** German Shepherd

**Intake Date:** 4/6/26

**Intake ID:** A0059995860

**Intake Reason:** Deemed Dog Surrendered for Euthanasia

# ACO Case Breakdown 2026 YTD

Total Cases: 1156

CASE TYPE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	RICHLAND	KENNEWICK	PASCO
Animal At-Large	501	97	217	187
Abandonment	15	2	6	7
Attack	44	7	17	20
Aggressive	9	3	2	4
Barking Dog	41	13	10	18
Bite Case - Human	32	3	18	11
Code Enforcement Complaint	12	6	3	3
Cruelty	5	0	4	1
Deceased on Arrival (DOA)	131	18	60	53
Hit By Car	26	5	12	9
Information	40	19	8	13
In Custody	10	1	4	5
Injured Animal	96	15	39	42
Police Assist	37	8	17	12
Welfare Check	157	44	77	36
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES</b>	1156	241	494	421
<b>PERCENT OF CASE VOLUME</b>	100 %	21 %	43 %	36 %



**FUR BABIES AND  
THE FUZZ  
2026**

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**Thank you for your  
support!**

Pasco Police Department  
Kennewick Police Department  
Washington State Patrol  
West Richland Police Department  
SECOMM  
Sweet Squeeze Lemonade  
Dog Haus

**Adoptions:  
Dogs: 10  
Cats: 11**



**THANK YOU FOR  
ADOPTING!**

# HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!

## PET SAFETY TIPS



### KEEP PETS INDOORS

Fireworks are loud and scary. Keep pets safe inside.



### CREATE A SAFE SPACE

Set up a quiet, cozy area with their favorite bed, toys, and water.



### ID & MICROCHIP

Make sure collars have current ID tags and pets are microchipped.



### SKIP THE FIREWORKS

Even "pet-friendly" fireworks can cause stress and panic. Leave them to the pros!



### KEEP THEM COOL & HYDRATED

Provide plenty of fresh water and shade if outside.



A SAFE PET IS A HAPPY PET.

*Enjoy the holiday!*

# Rescue Partnerships

**Mikey's Chance**

**Forgotten Dogs**

**Journey Home**

**Washington Alaskan Malamute Adoption League  
(WAMAL)**

**The Last Road Dog Sanctuary**

**Sunny Sky's Animal Rescue**

**American Black and Tan Coonhound Rescue (CA)**

**HART**

**Smidget Rescue**

**Hope for Huskies**

**Old Dog Haven**

**American Bullmastiff Association**

**Pronto Puppy**

**Path of Hope Rescue**

**Church of Pug**

**Seattle Humane Society**

**Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)**

**Auburn Valley Humane Society**

**Seattle Area Feline Rescue (SAFE)**

**The NOAH Center (Stanwood, WA)**

**Tumbleweed Cat Rescue**

**Flower Feline Sanctuary**

**Benton Franklin Humane Society**

**Lar's Pawsome Rescue**

**Cat Utopia (Pendleton, OR)**

**Okandogs Dog Rescue**

**Dave Buster Rescues**

**Madres Mutts**

**Tri-City Kitty**

**Mighty Meow**

**Blue Mountain Humane Society**

**Watson's Paws for a Cause**

**SpokAnimal**

**S'mores Dog Rescue**



## **MINUTES**

### **Tri-Cities Animal Control Authority**

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#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendees:**

City of Kennewick Representative: Erin Erdman, Tever Davis, Joe Santoy

City of Pasco Representative: Angela Pashon

City of Richland Representative: Joe Schiessl

Animal Services Manager: Ben Zigan

Administrative Assistant II: Elizabeth Farrell

Department Assistant II: Krista Hahn

Ms. Pashon opened the meeting with a welcome and provided a brief announcement on structure of the meeting and introduced the other cities' representatives.

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Natalie Vasquez Lopez

Ms. Lopez is a volunteer with Little Life Animal Rescue and spoke about the increasing need for support for rabbits and other small animals, noting rising abandonment rates in the Tri-Cities area. While recognizing that cats and dogs remain the priority, she encouraged continued discussion on intake protocols and requested greater partnership,

resource allocation, and funding support from the animal shelter.

Leo Perales, Council Member

Mr. Perales is a Pasco resident and expressed support for the proposed 2026 plan and urged implementation next year. He suggested establishing a Tri-Cities shelter oversight board to address overpopulation and responsible pet ownership, and thanked the City Manager's representative for attending.

Cindy Hudon

Ms. Hudson is a current volunteer at the Tri-Cities Animal Shelter since 2019 stated that volunteers are very familiar with the dogs in their care and expressed concern that adopters may need more thorough vetting, as some dogs are being returned. She encouraged board members to visit the shelter to observe the positive relationships among volunteers and urged collaboration with rescues and community partners to address issues cooperatively rather than contentiously.

## **TRI-CITIES ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATES**

TCACA Presentation Covers topics in the attached PowerPoint.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2025

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Oversight Board item for discussion in the future.

## **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9, 2026**

## **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Mr. Stewart inquired about the average length of stay for animals at the shelter.

Mr. Zigan responded that the shelter does not currently have software to track that information, but estimated the average stay to be approximately three to six months, with some animals remaining for several years.

Ms. Erdman asked about the status of the veterinary software and whether it has been implemented. Mr. Zigan advised that it remains a work in progress.

Mr. Schiessl asked whether funding is available for the software. Mr. Zigan responded that the matter is currently under review.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM