

**Town of Yucca Valley**  
**Animal Shelter Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 18, 2025**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Present: Jeff Drozd, Jim Schooler

Absent:

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Chair Schooler

**Approval of Agenda**

**1. Agenda Approval**

**Motion:**

Approve the meeting agenda as prepared.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 2, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Committee Member Jeff Drozd

**Second:** Chair Jim Schooler

**Department Reports**

**2. Animal Care and Control Staffing Update**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle provided an update on Shelter staffing and the recruitment schedule for the Animal Care and Control Manager.

Public comments were received, including inquiries on staff supervision and a request for additional staffing.

**3. Yucca Valley Veterinarian Services Update**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle provided an update on the review of the RFP for veterinarian services at the Shelter.

During public comments, a suggestion was made to have more than one vet to provide services and an inquiry on current vet services.

**4. Operational Review Status Update**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle provided an update on the current Shelter

Operational Review.

Chair Schooler inquired about the number of frequent flyers or returners.

Public comments were received, including the suggestion to provide timely information to be shared on intakes, strays and rescue lists and an inquiry on

- Critical to update the community on recent intakes, strays, and rescue lists in a timely manner. Comments were received regarding the current meeting format and would like to see more open dialog. Additional comments were received on general shelter operations and staffing.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle addressed public questions and comments.

Glen Harris, Morongo Basin Humane Society spoke, noting the understanding how exhausting crisis mode can be and explained the relationship the Joshua Tree Shelter has with the Yucca Valley Shelter.

### **Public Comments**

Public comments were received inquiring about the status of the volunteer program and a foster program. Concern was expressed for the long-term "residents" at the shelter and requested additional budgeting to boost animal services.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle provided an update on the progress and changes implemented through the shelter review process and explained the budgeting process with the Town Council and San Bernardino County.

Chair Schooler offered one-on-one meetings with anyone that would like additional dialog.

### **Announcements**

The next Animal Shelter Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025.

With no further business, Chair Schooler adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk