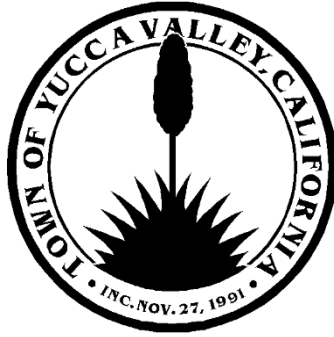


TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER COMMITTEE MEETING



The Mission of the Town of Yucca Valley is to
provide a government that is responsive to its citizens
to ensure a safe and secure environment
while maintaining the highest quality of life.

ANIMAL SHELTER COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026
Yucca Valley Community Center- Cholla Room
57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy
Yucca Valley, Ca 92284

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Animal Shelter Committee

Jim Schooler, Chair

Jeff Drozd, Vice Chair

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TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:

760-369-7207

Public Comments: townclerk@yucca-valley.org

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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026, 5:30 PM

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The meeting agenda packet is available for public view in the Town Hall lobby and on the Town's website at www.yucca-valley.org prior to the meeting. For more information on an agenda item or the agenda process, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (760) 369-7209 ext. 226.

If you wish to comment on any agenda item or on any subject not on the agenda during public comments, please fill out a request to speak card and give to the Town Clerk/Commission Secretary. Comment time is limited to 3 minutes.

Where appropriate or deemed necessary, action may be taken on any item listed in the agenda.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Committee Member Drozd, Chair Schooler

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

1. Agenda Approval

Recommendation:

Approve the meeting agenda as prepared.

Consent Agenda

All items listed on the consent agenda are routine matters or formal documents covering previous Town Council instruction. Items are enacted by one motion and a second without separate discussion unless a member of the Town Council or Town Staff requests dialog on a specific item at the beginning of the meeting. Requests for public comment on the consent agenda items should be filed with the Town Clerk.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes — February 19, 2026

Recommendation:

Approve the meeting minutes of February 19, 2026 as presented.

Department Reports

3. Spay & Neuter Event – March 31, 2026

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the Spay & Neuter Event – March 31, 2026 Report.

4. Local Media Update, Pets of the Week, Animals at the Shelter more than 6 months

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the Local Media Update, Pets of the Week, Animals at the Shelter more than 6 months Report.

5. March Adoption Event

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the March Adoption Event Report.

6. Microchip Program Update

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the Microchip Program Update Report.

7. Volunteer Program Update

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the Volunteer Program Update Report.

8. County Animal Control Contact Information

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the County Animal Control Contact Information Report.

9. February Shelter Statistics

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the February Shelter Statistics Report.

Future Agenda Items

Public Comments

The Animal Shelter Committee takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residence. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes or less. Inappropriate behavior which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting will result in forfeiture of your public comment privileges. The Animal Shelter Committee is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not on the printed agenda.

Staff Reports and Comments

Committee Member Reports and Comments

Announcements

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The next regular meeting of the Animal Shelter Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Cholla Room.

**Town of Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter Committee Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Jeff Drozd, Jim Schooler

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Committee member Drozd.

Consent Agenda

Chair Schooler opened public comment, with no members of the public wishing to speak, Chair Schooler closed public comment.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes 11/20/2025

Motion:

Approve the meeting minutes of November 20, 2025 as presented.

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

Mover: Council Member Jeff Drozd

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

Ayes: Jeff Drozd, Jim Schooler

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes 12/18/2025

Motion:

Approve the meeting minutes of December 18, 2025 as presented.

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

Mover: Council Member Jeff Drozd

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

Ayes: Jeff Drozd, Jim Schooler

Department Reports

3. Animal Care, Control and Committee Update

Town Manager Yakimow and Animal Shelter Manager May presented an update to

the Animal Shelter Committee regarding current programs and activities at the animal shelter.

Susan Walls, a member of the public, asked questions regarding the Cyla Wells Fund and the shelter's microchip programs. Animal Shelter Manager May announced that free microchips will be offered during the month of March, with low-cost microchips available for San Bernardino County residents. She also announced a Spay and Neuter Event scheduled for March 31.

Discussion included the possibility of integrating local high school students as interns, and a request was made for outreach to the local high school to inform students about the opportunity. Questions were also raised regarding the possibility of work-from-home opportunities for volunteers, the use of the ShelterLuv system for lost and found reports, and procedures for rescue groups pulling animals from the shelter. Additional discussion addressed coordination with flying rescues, including health certificates, locating appropriate cages, confirming spay and neuter status, and size considerations for animals being transferred. Questions were also raised regarding the amount of funding previously committed by the Town for rescue coordination and whether County funding for related services may increase.

Committee Member Drozd expressed appreciation for the Town's leadership and staff and stated he was proud of the Town's efforts. Committee Member Schooler commented that the Town is moving in the right direction.

Public Comments

Chair Schooler opened public comment.

A member of the public reported that a dog had been left at a local feed store. Assistance was provided, and the dog was taken to Companion Animal Clinic.

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, Chair Schooler closed public comment.

Staff Reports and Comments

There were no additional comments from staff.

Committee Member Drozd noted that he has other commitments and requested that the meeting date be changed or that another individual be appointed to serve as part of the committee.

Committee Member Schooler acknowledged the comment.

With no further comments, Chair Schooler adjourned the regular meeting at 06:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Dudra
Deputy Town Clerk

**Town of Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter Committee Staff Report**



To: Animal Shelter Committee

From: Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

Date: March 16, 2026

Meeting Date: March 19, 2026

Subject: Spay & Neuter Event – March 31, 2026

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the Spay & Neuter Event – March 31, 2026 Report.

Prior Review:

Discussion:

This item provides the Animal Shelter Committee with a report on the Spay & Neuter Event scheduled for March 31, 2026. Sign-ups for the event are full, and the shelter looks forward to hosting the community for this important service. The report keeps the Committee informed about event planning and anticipated participation.

Alternatives

No alternatives are recommended, as the item is presented for the Committee to receive and file the report.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving and filing the Spay & Neuter Event Report.

Attachments

1. March 2026 Event Flyer



YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
ANIMAL ACTION LEAGUE IS HOSTING A

FREE TOWN RESIDENT SPAY & NEUTER EVENT MARCH 31ST

APPLY IN-PERSON ONLY!

REGISTRATION
CLOSED!!

SPOTS ARE FULL!
CONTACT US FOR
MORE INFORMATION!
www.yucca-valley.org



4755 Malin Way Yucca Valley

(760) 365-3111

**Town of Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter Committee Staff Report**



To: Animal Shelter Committee

From: Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

Date: March 16, 2026

Meeting Date: March 19, 2026

Subject: Local Media Update, Pets of the Week, Animals at the Shelter more than 6 months

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the Local Media Update, Pets of the Week, Animals at the Shelter more than 6 months Report.

Prior Review:

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Discussion:

This item provides the Animal Shelter Committee with an update on local media outreach, including the featured Pets of the Week. The update highlights current animals available for adoption and supports ongoing efforts to increase community awareness and engagement with shelter services.

Alternatives

No alternatives are recommended, as the item is presented for the Committee to receive and file the report.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving and filing the Local Media Update, Pets of the Week, Animals at the Shelter more than 6 months.

Attachments

1. Hi Desert Star Ad

Local Pets Looking for Local Love



Dottie is a quiet girl who enjoys long walks and being close to her person. She makes a wonderful hiking companion and loves to stay by your side on every adventure. While she has had minimal socialization, Dottie does fairly well with other dogs and truly prefers the love and attention of her people. If you're planning your next Big Bear outing, Dottie would love to tag along.



Amy is the sweetest lady pit around, with an incredibly affectionate and gentle nature. She absolutely adores people and recently passed her temperament test with flying colors. Friendly and social, Amy gets along well with other dogs and loves making new friends. If Amy sounds like your dream dog, come say hello today!



Athena is a regal black shepherd with an independent and adventurous spirit. She loves to roam the yard and enjoys having a buddy by her side, getting along well with other dogs — especially her kennelmate, Vladamir. While she may seem a bit aloof at first due to her history of roaming freely, Athena warms up in her own quiet way. She's ready to meet visitors and could be the loyal companion you've been looking for.



Wiley is a playful, curious pup with a spirited personality and a love for adventure. Surrendered alongside his brother Newly, he's full of energy and always on the move, eager to explore and have fun. Wiley is one half of this dynamic duo—two fun-loving boys ready to bring excitement and joy to their next chapter in life!



Newly is a playful and curious pup with a big personality and a love for fun. Recently surrendered with his brother Wiley, he's full of energy and always ready to explore the world around him. Whether he's chasing toys or discovering something new, Newly brings excitement and joy wherever he goes. He and Wiley are a dynamic duo—two fun boys looking for their next great adventure!



Hawk is an energetic lab boy with a friendly and outgoing personality. He loves staying active, exploring his surroundings, and spending time with his favorite people. Loyal and affectionate, Hawk thrives on connection and is always ready for his next adventure. He's sure to bring fun, companionship, and plenty of tail wags to the lucky family who welcomes him home.



Storm, who also goes by "ICY," is an extremely playful and vocal boy with a big personality. He loves to stay active and isn't shy about expressing himself. Because of his energetic nature, some dogs can be unsure of his manners at first, but he's currently kenneled with Odin and the two have become best buddies. Storm would do best with a patient owner who understands high-energy breeds and can match his enthusiasm.



Earl is a handsome pit bull boy with striking blue eyes and a heart full of love. He's playful, loyal, and enjoys being around people. With his affectionate nature and fun personality, Earl is sure to be a devoted and joyful companion.



Your new best friend is waiting at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter.

4755 Malin Way, Yucca Valley

760-365-3111



**Town of Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter Committee Staff Report**



To: Animal Shelter Committee

From: Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

Date: March 16, 2026

Meeting Date: March 19, 2026

Subject: March Adoption Event

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the March Adoption Event Report.

Prior Review:

Discussion:

This item provides the Animal Shelter Committee with the March Adoption Event Report. Pets are available for adoption throughout the month at a reduced fee of \$17. The report keeps the Committee informed about shelter adoption activities and community outreach efforts.

Alternatives

No alternatives are recommended, as the item is presented for the Committee to receive and file the report.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving and filing the March Adoption Event Report.

Attachments

1. Lucky Charm March Event

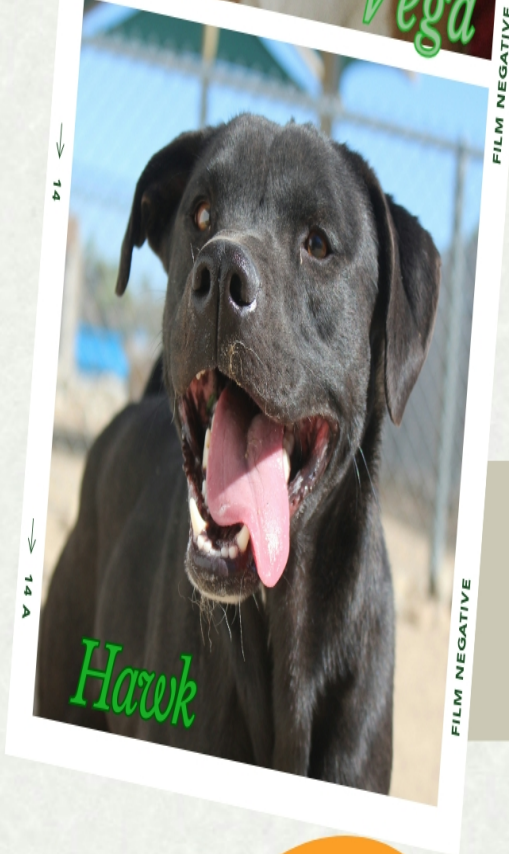


YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

FIND YOUR LUCKY CHARM THIS MARCH!



Canva Stories



\$17 ADOPTIONS through March 31st



4755 MALIN WAY YUCCA VALLEY
TUES-SAT: 12 PM TO 5PM | (760) 365-3111

**Town of Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter Committee Staff Report**



To: Animal Shelter Committee

From: Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

Date: March 16, 2026

Meeting Date: March 19, 2026

Subject: Microchip Program Update

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the Microchip Program Update Report.

Prior Review:

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Discussion:

This item provides the Animal Shelter Committee with an update on the March Microchip Program. The program offers free microchipping for residents of Yucca Valley and a \$5 fee for residents of the Morongo Basin. The report provides program details and other relevant information to keep the Committee informed about this community service initiative.

Alternatives

No alternatives are recommended, as the item is presented for the Committee to receive and file the report.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving and filing the Microchip Program Update Report.

Attachments

None

**Town of Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter Committee Staff Report**



To: Animal Shelter Committee

From: Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

Date: March 16, 2026

Meeting Date: March 19, 2026

Subject: Volunteer Program Update

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the Volunteer Program Update Report.

Prior Review:

Updates on the Volunteer Program have been provided to the Committee in prior meetings.

Discussion:

This item provides the Animal Shelter Committee with an update on the Volunteer Program, including planned activities and anticipated roles. The update keeps the Committee informed about volunteer program developments.

Alternatives

No alternatives are recommended, as the item is presented for the Committee to receive and file the report.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving and filing the Volunteer Program Update Report.

Attachments

None

**Town of Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter Committee Staff Report**



To: Animal Shelter Committee

From: Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

Date: March 16, 2026

Meeting Date: March 19, 2026

Subject: County Animal Control Contact Information

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the County Animal Control Contact Information Report.

Prior Review:

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Discussion:

This item provides the Animal Shelter Committee with the current contact information for County Animal Control services. Sharing this information helps ensure that Committee members and the public are aware of the appropriate points of contact for animal control–related questions, service requests, and reporting concerns. Residents can contact County Animal Care by calling 1-800-472-5609 and following the automated instructions, which helps ensure their questions are routed to the appropriate staff for assistance.

Providing this information supports clear communication and helps connect community members with the appropriate county resources when animal control services are needed. The item is presented for informational purposes.

Alternatives

No alternatives are recommended, as the item is presented for the Committee to receive and file the report.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving and filing the County Animal Control Contact Information Report.

Attachments

None

**Town of Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter Committee Staff Report**



To: Animal Shelter Committee

From: Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

Date: March 16, 2026

Meeting Date: March 19, 2026

Subject: February Shelter Statistics

Recommendation:

That the Animal Shelter Committee receives and files the February Shelter Statistics Report.

Prior Review:

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Discussion:

The February Shelter Statistics Report is provided to keep the Animal Shelter Committee informed about routine shelter activity. The current report includes data for January and February and will be updated to include additional months as the year progresses. The report summarizes general information such as animal intake, outcomes, and other standard operational data tracked by the shelter. Providing this report on a regular basis helps maintain transparency and keeps the Committee updated on shelter operations.

The Committee's action to receive and file the report simply acknowledges receipt of the information an

Alternatives

No alternatives are recommended, as the item is presented for the Committee to receive and file the report.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving and filing the Shelter Statistics Report.

Attachments

1. Jan-Feb Outcome Statistics

2026

| <u>Dogs</u> | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>% of Total Dogs</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------------|
| AC Officer Impounds | 29 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | 56 | 45.5% |
| Strays From Citizens | 25 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | 38 | 30.9% |
| Owner Turn Ins | 10 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 12.2% |
| Quarantine | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Neonates (under 8 weeks) | 2 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1.6% |
| Transferred from Other Agency | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Holding Pen | 6 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 4.9% |
| Born @ Shelter | 6 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 4.9% |
| Total | 78 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 100.0% |
| <u>Cats</u> | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>% of Total Cats</u> |
| AC Officer Impounds | 24 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | 32 | 69.57% |
| Strays From Citizens | 9 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | 23.91% |
| Owner Turn Ins | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 6.52% |
| Quarantine | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Neonates (under 8 weeks) | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Transferred from Other Agency | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Holding Pen | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Born @ Shelter | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total | 34 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 100.00% |
| <u>OTHER</u> | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | <u>Total</u> | |
| | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | |
| TOTAL IMPOUNDS | 117 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | |

| DOA (Not included in Live Count) | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| Dogs | 8 | 5 | |
| Cats | 0 | 4 | |
| Others | 2 | 4 | |
| Total | 10 | | |

DISPOSITION

2026

| <u>Dogs</u> | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL | % of Total Dogs |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| Adopt | 27 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | 49 | 42.98% |
| Return To Owner | 13 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | 29 | 25.44% |
| Euthanasia | 10 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 13.16% |
| Owner Request Euth. | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Died in kennel | 6 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 5.26% |
| Esc/Stolen | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Transferred | 12 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 13.16% |
| Total | 68 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 100.00% |
| <u>Cats</u> | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL | % of Total Cats |
| Adopt | 6 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 47.27% |
| Return To Owner | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Euthanasia | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 10.91% |
| Owner Request Euth. | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Died in kennel | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Esc/Stolen | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Transferred | 21 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 23 | 41.82% |
| Total | 29 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 100.00% |
| <u>Others</u> | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL | |
| | 8 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | |
| TOTAL DISPOSITION | 105 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | |

