

Lake County Animal Control Advisory Board

Annual Report FY 2025-2026

PURPOSE of the BOARD

- Established by the Lake County Board of Supervisors.
- Reviews animal control needs, services, facilities, fees, adoption procedures, grant expenditures, hours of operation, public education and outreach, and special problems.
- Serves as a liaison between the community, Animal Care and Control, and the Board of Supervisors.
- Provides findings and recommendations through its Annual Report.

KEY FINDINGS OVERVIEW

- Adoption Programs
- Public Education & Outreach
- Facilities & Infrastructure
- Fees & Fiscal Sustainability
- Animal Welfare & Enforcement
- Grant Funding
- Emergency Preparedness

KEY CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

- Limited veterinary access
- Animal overpopulation
- Volunteer recruitment and retention
- Public awareness of available services
- Facility and infrastructure limitations
- Long-term funding sustainability

ADOPTION PROGRAMS

- Improve website and social media outreach
- Expand foster and volunteer programs
- Continue adoption events
- Strengthen rescue partnerships
- Reduce veterinary-related adoption delays





PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Year-round education strategy
- Youth engagement
- Community events
- Digital outreach
- Community partnerships

FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Medical/isolation expansion
- Kennel improvements
- Adoption-area improvements
- Volunteer and training space
- Sustainability projects
- Capital improvement funding





FEES & FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Periodic fee review
- Benchmark neighboring counties
- Responsible ownership incentives
- Targeted discounts where appropriate
- Establish recurring review process

ANIMAL WELFARE & ENFORCEMENT

- Continue evaluating standards
- Enhance interagency cooperation
- Expand humane care education
- Review best-practice resources
- Improve public understanding

IT'S TOO HOT TO LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THE CAR

Dogs suffer from heatstroke and die every year when owners leave them in parked, hot cars. Leaving the windows down or parking in the shade is not enough to prevent this.

AFTER JUST 10 MINUTES...

OUTSIDE	IN CAR
	
70°	90°
85°	102°





GRANT FUNDING & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Continue pursuing grants
- Support spay/neuter programs
- Support veterinary access initiatives
Strengthen nonprofit partnerships
- Maintain accountability and reporting

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Develop a new animal disaster response program
- Volunteer disaster network
- Regional rescue partnerships
- Integrate animal evacuation planning
- Public preparedness education



LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Strategic planning
- Performance measurement
- Community partnerships
- Volunteer engagement
- Innovation
- Data-driven decision making

CLOSING/ QUESTIONS

- Improve Adoption Outcomes
- Expand Public Education
- Invest in Facilities
- Strengthen Animal Welfare Programs
- Pursue Grant Funding
- Enhance Emergency Preparedness