

**MINUTES**  
**Animal Shelter Legislation Study Committee Meeting**  
**12:00 p.m., July 11, 2018**  
**Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Elizabeth Fuller, DVM, Co-Chairman, of the committee called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Other committee members present for the meeting included: Janet I. McKim, DVM, Co-Chairman, Abigail Kamleiter, Rebecca I. Shealy, and Terry Eaves, DVM.

LLR staff participating during the meeting included: D. Rita Melton, Administrator and Hardwick Stuart, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel.

Tina F. Behles, court reporter was also in attendance.

Dr. Fuller announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Office of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and provided to any requesting persons, organizations or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Dr. Fuller noted a quorum was present for the meeting and that all votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION**

Dr. McKim made a motion the committee approved the agenda. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Animal Shelter Regulations Review**

Mr. Stuart took the Virginia regulations the committee agreed to use and revised it to conform with the South Carolina Veterinary practice act based on the committee's concerns from the previous meeting. He has provided a definition for 'records', amended the definition for 'facility', and addressed the vaccination concern.

The committee asked Mr. Stuart to add Bordetella as a core vaccination to the canine list.

Discussion ensued regarding giving animals vaccines as they come in, if an animal came to the shelter sick, the shelter would not vaccinate the animal upon arrival, when to vaccinate an animal against rabies.

The committee then reviewed the proposed regulation regarding the shelter's records regarding an animal. The committee suggested language regarding microchips be included in description of animals including species, age, sex, breed, color markings, and microchip number. The

committee also suggested in (A) (4) (D) regarding disposition of animals adding: 'including name and address of the person or organization or institution to whom the animal is sold, traded, adopted, or transferred, and the date.' However, the committee was concerned about privacy laws in giving the previous owner's information. The committee suggested the sentence read, 'these records will be provided to the new owner with the exception of (4) (A).' Mr. Stuart suggested the committee limit what is provided in the records to the new owner to those records identified in (4) (E) as it talks about record of veterinary care including treatments, immunization, date, etc. The sentence could read, 'Records provided on discharge are limited to basically (4) (B) and (E).'

It was noted during discussion the medical record is not collecting information regarding who administered the product or procedure. Mr. Stuart noted a big issue with that would be there is no enforcement. The board could issue a Cease and Desist Order only.

Dr. Eaves asked if Section (A) (1) which discusses in the custody of animal shelter if that implies 'or in an alternate location.' This addition would be to add foster care under the premise of animal shelter.

The committee discussed the definition of animal. The definition reads, 'Animal means any nonaquatic companion animal that's in the custody or care of an animal shelter.'

The committee agreed to delete (D). The committee determined (D) (1) would be placed under general provision as (B) (3) and renumber the rest of paragraph (B). The committee also agreed to amend (B) (2). The sentence would read 'the enclosure needs to be cleaned with a disinfectant or germicidal agent prior to use by another animal.'

### **MOTION**

Dr. McKim made a motion the committee approve the amendments to the regulation regarding shelters. Dr. Eaves seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

The July 11, 2018 Animal Shelter Legislative Review Committee adjourned at 1:31 p.m.