



Town of Edgewood

Agenda

Animal Welfare Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 2:00 PM
Commission Chambers, 171 NM Rd 344
Edgewood, NM 87015

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A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call (by Town Clerk or designee)

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2025

D. REPORTS

1. Animal Shelter Manager

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Grants

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. NMDOG Free Straw Program (#NoColdDOgs)
2. Discussion and possible action to solve meeting location conflict (February, May, August, and November)

G. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. December 11, 2025 (2PM)
2. January 8, 2026 (2PM)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Town of Edgewood
Animal Welfare Advisory Board Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 9:30am

A. Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting began at 9:51am

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Sarah Crothers, Celia Cook (had to leave at 10:25am, during discussion of E.1.), Barbara Evans, Lauren Aston

Staff Present: Animal Shelter Manager Christine Romero

B. Approval of Agenda

Barbara motioned to approve the agenda; Celia seconded. Agenda approved.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of September 11, 2025

Celia motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting on September 11, 2025; Barbara seconded. Minutes approved.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Grant funding Opportunities

Dept of Finance HB 113: Originally expected an answer on this grant request by October 1st. Christine received an email in mid-October that they have begun to review the grant applications. No updated timeline for receiving approval or denial of grant request.

ASPCA/Rachel Ray: Christine is still working on this grant application. It is due November 3rd. Hoping to receive an update by December 1st.

Sarah has been looking for animal control-specific grants, since our shelter is part of animal control and not a 501c3; she has not found any yet.

Celia mentioned Animal Protection New Mexico has been working to support SB 57, which would place a tax on pet food companies, to help fund spay/neuter programs. There was discussion about how to support this proposal, including working with APNM to create a petition and/or form letters/scripts to make it easier for local residents to contact their state reps in support of the bill. Celia will work with Judy Wolf at APNM regarding this.

E. New Business

1. Holiday donation drives and adoption events

Edgewood Animal Shelter is currently offering free adoption of black and white dogs during the month of October.

Sarah mentioned a holiday pet food drive to use as a pet food pantry for area residents who may be struggling to buy pet food, which in turn might help decrease the amount of owner surrenders at the Shelter. There was discussion about how this could be done, including working with local businesses to act as drop off locations for the community to donate pet food, cat litter, etc. There was also discussion about how we might partner with TOE Parks &

Rec to advertise and accept donations at Parks & Rec events, such as the Twinkle Light Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting on December 5th.

There was also discussion about partnering with Parks & Rec to host 5Ks, like ABQ Humane's Doggie Dash & Dawdle, in an attempt to get more community interest in the Shelter.

Barbara mentioned that she has been working with TOE commissioners to create goals for Edgewood. Maybe one of those goals could be fundraising to support the Shelter in some way. Barbara feels it should be something tangible, so that the community can see where the money goes vs something like an emergency veterinary fund.

2. Review volunteer program

The Shelter currently accepts volunteers to help with dog walking, cleaning, adoption events, training programs, as well as fostering. All volunteers must be over 18, pass a background check, sign a liability waiver, and receive appropriate training for the type of volunteering they are doing. There are currently only a couple people who come regularly to help walk dogs. Several people have expressed initial interest, then haven't followed through with volunteering.

There was discussion about how to recruit and retain more volunteers. One way to possibly generate more interest, while also consolidating the amount of time spent by Shelter staff, is to set a date (possibly in February 2026) for a sort of general information meeting, at which members of the public can learn more about the various ways to volunteer and what to expect. If there is significant interest, additional training may also be done in groups.

3. Member comments

None

F. Future Meetings

1. November 13, 2025 at 2pm
2. December 11, 2025 at 2pm

G. Adjournment

Sarah motioned to adjourn at 10:56am; Barbara seconded.

Minutes submitted by Lauren Aston