

Animal Advisory Council

The Animal Advisory Council (AAC) was established in 1993 by resolution and revised July 2002. The AAC shall be an advisory council for the purpose of studying, making recommendations and offering professional advice to Gwinnett County Animal Control and the Board of Commissioners on animal welfare and other animal-related issues in Gwinnett County.

The AAC shall be composed of seven (7) members, as follows:

- One member representing the Lawrenceville Kennel Club
- One member representing the Gwinnett County Extension Service
- One member representing Gwinnett County Domestic Feline Interests
- One member representing the Gwinnett County Humane Society
- One member representing the Gwinnett Municipal Association
- Two at-large members

Members serve two-year staggered terms. In addition, the President of the Gwinnett County Veterinarian Association (or another member of the Association designated to serve by the President) shall serve as an advisor to the AAC.

Each designated organization/interest shall submit their recommendation for appointment in writing to Gwinnett County Animal Control. Animal Control shall then submit the letters, along with its recommendations for the at-large members, to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

The Board of Commissioners may reject any recommendation submitted and request the organization/interest concerned to recommend another member for appointment.

The organization/interest represented by that member shall submit in writing to Gwinnett County Animal Control the name of a new recommendation for appointment or a written request to renew the current member's term. Gwinnett County Animal Control shall be responsible for submitting these recommendation letters to the Board of Commissioners. Animal Control may submit recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for new at-large members in the same manner.

Responsibilities:

- To provide a channel for dialogue between citizens and the Board of Commissioners
- To bring about cooperation and coordination of resources to maximize animal welfare;

Powers:

- The AAC shall have no power to enter into contracts of any nature nor to spend public funds;
- The AAC shall have no power to bind any member or any citizen to any debt, liability, or obligation in the absence of any express written authorization from the party to be bound;
- The exclusive authority of the AAC is to gather information and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners through Gwinnett County Animal Control. The AAC has no independent authority to act on any of its recommendations. Decisions on whether or how to act on any recommendations submitted by the AAC belong exclusively to the Board of Commissioners, Chief of Police, Animal Control Manager, and/or County staff. The AAC shall not conduct any activities of any kind outside of the quarterly meetings without the express written approval of the Chief of Police or Animal Control Manager;
- The AAC shall have no power beyond those expressly set forth in the bylaws.

Meeting Date/Time:

The AAC shall meet regularly once per quarter, per year. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by a majority vote of the AAC.

Compensation:

Members serve in non-paying volunteer positions.

Qualifications/Training:

Members must be residents of Gwinnett County.

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Appointment - Representing - Position	Name	Term Expires
BoC Appointment - Gwinnett County Domestic Feline Interests	Vacant Position	08/06/2010
BoC Appointment - Gwinnett County Extension Service	Tricia Smith	08/06/2011
BoC Appointment - Gwinnett Humane Society	Gloria Kennedy	08/06/2010
BoC Appointment - Gwinnett Municipal Association	Vacant Position	08/06/2010
BoC Appointment - Lawrenceville Kennel Club - Chairperson	Gail LaBerge	08/06/2010
BoC Appointment - Member At Large	Carla E. Brown	08/06/2011
BoC Appointment - Member At Large	Clara P. Seals	08/06/2011