



State of Louisiana  
**Animal Welfare Commission**

*Office of the Governor*

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**Meeting Agenda**

May 2, 2009...Rm. 1212 B, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine  
9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Type of Meeting: LAWC Business Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Gary A. Balsamo, Chair

Invitees: All Commission members

- I. Call to order...9:30 AM
- II. Roll call and introductions...9:30 – 9:35
- III. Approval of minutes (notes) from last meeting...9:35 – 9:40
- IV. Open issues
  - a) Position statements...9:40 – 10:00
    - A position statement stating the scientific basis for acceptance of long-duration rabies vaccines in local animal control ordinances. This position statement should urge continued research by responsible agencies, like the United States Department of Agriculture, to conduct scientifically valid studies to clarify the duration of immunity of these vaccines.
    - A position statement supporting intact animal licensing fees by local jurisdictions, but requesting that local jurisdictions specify fees that are not excessive and that are fair to animal breeders.
    - A position statement addressing the Louisiana Sheriff's Association and other law enforcement agencies and the judiciary around the state, recommending enforcement of present animal cruelty laws, especially laws against dog-fighting, and creation of local animal cruelty ordinances with appropriate penalties.
  - b) Review status of Commission appointments and membership (Dr. Balsamo and Mr. Wood)...10:00 – 10:10
  - c) Consideration of letter requesting assistance by the State Public Health Veterinarian in conducting physical inspections of public animal control shelters in Louisiana (Dr. Balsamo)...10:10 – 10:25
  - d) Approval of "inspection" document to be emailed, mailed or otherwise transmitted to all public animal control shelters in the state...10:25 – 10:55
- V. New business
  - a) Election of Officers...10:55 – 11:15
  - b) 2009 Legislative session issues (Mr. Wood)...11:15 – 11:30
  - c) Position statements...11:30-11:45
    - Guidelines for animal control shelters regarding adoption and euthanasia
    - Statement urging passage of anti-tethering legislation
  - d) Creation of newsletter...11:45 – 12:00
- VI. Adjournment...12:00

*...to ensure and promote the proper treatment and well-being of animals*