



State of Louisiana  
**Animal Welfare Commission**

*Office of the Governor*

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**Meeting Agenda**

January 9, 2010...Rm. 173, Bienville Building, Corner N4th and North Streets, Baton Rouge, LA  
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 from last meeting...9:35 – 9:40
- IV. Open issues
  - a) Report of Committee to create a model animal cruelty law (Wood, Cole, Rupert) and report on LAWC assisted progress on animal cruelty laws in the most recent legislative session. (Pinckney Wood)...9:40 – 9:50
  - b) Report on issues LAWC may be asked to address in the 2010 legislative session. (Pinckney Wood)...9:50 – 10:00
  - c) Discussion of the creation of position statements regarding laws addressing tethering animals and euthanasia procedures. (Joelle Rupert)...10:00 – 10:10
  - d) Discussion of creation of LAWC newsletter and website (entire commission)...10:10-10:25
- V. New business
  - a) Creation of an Animal Cruelty Investigation Team that will remain on notice to investigate complaints of animal cruelty. Discuss participation of law enforcement in commission activities (Gary Balsamo)...10:25-10:45
  - b) Annual report to the Governor and the legislature and statewide press release on activities of the Commission (Gary Balsamo)...10:45-10:55
  - c) Approval process of shelter inspections (Gary Balsamo)...10:55-11:10
  - d) Creation of a non-profit foundation to support activities of the commission (Pinckney Wood)...11:10-11:25
  - e) Discussion of future commission goals and creation of a mission statement including a statement of commission objectives and goals (Pinckney Wood, Mary Lee Oliphant-Wood)...11:25-11:40
    1. Adding breeder and pet shop licensing to the responsibilities of the commission
    2. Member philosophies and member perceived purposes of the commission
  - f) Freeing up LAWC funds for ad campaigns in the major population areas of the state addressing animal cruelty and pet overpopulation. (Pinckney Wood)...11:40-12:00
- VI. Adjournment...12:00

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