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Manatee County opens seats on Animal Welfare Advisory Boards



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Manatee County Government

The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners has approved two animal welfare advisory boards and is now seeking applicants and nominees for seats.

“These advisory boards create an important opportunity for residents and professionals to participate in animal welfare efforts in Manatee County,” said Commissioner George Kruse in a recent press release. “By bringing together community voices and technical expertise, the county can make more informed and transparent decisions that support positive outcomes for animals and the people who care for them.”

The action establishes two advisory groups that combine community input with professional and technical expertise to support animal welfare services in Manatee County.

The Animal Services Advisory Board serves as the county’s primary citizen advisory body on animal welfare issues referred to it by the Board of County Commissioners or County Administration. The board provides input on policies, operations, and community education and offers recommendations through public meetings and written reports.

All seats on the Animal Services Advisory Board are open and will be filled through a public application process. Manatee County residents with experience or interest in animal welfare, veterinary care, nonprofit service, volunteer work, or business and operations are encouraged

to apply. Appointments will be made by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners during a public meeting.

The Animal Services Technical Advisory Board provides professional and subject-matter expertise to support animal welfare services in Manatee County and to assist the Animal Services Advisory Board.

All seats on the Animal Services Technical Advisory Board are open and will be filled through a nomination-based process. Partner agencies identified in the establishing resolutions will submit written nominations for qualified individuals with professional or technical expertise related to animal welfare. Appointments will be made by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners during a public meeting.

“With seats now open, we encourage residents and qualified organizations to get involved,” said Dr. Syna Johnson, chief veterinarian of shelter operations for Manatee County Animal Welfare. “These boards give the community a direct way to contribute ideas, experience, and insight that support informed decision-making.”

Both boards meet publicly and provide opportunities for residents to offer input during scheduled meetings.

Application materials, nomination instructions, and additional information are available on Manatee County’s Boards and Committees webpage at www.myanatee.org/government/government-information/advisory-boards.
(<http://www.myanatee.org/government/government-information/advisory-boards>)

For more information about the Animal Services Advisory Board, please visit the county's Animal Services Advisory Board (<https://www.myanatee.org/government/government-information/advisory-boards/advisory-board-detail/animal-services-advisory-board>) webpage, or visit www.myanatee.org (<http://www.myanatee.org>).

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