

City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

Present: Dr. Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Leesa Johnson, Ashley Wildman, Nate Bartz (Secretary), and Officer Brad Longette (WB Police)
Absent: Amy Lynch (Vice-Chair)
Next meeting: August 11th – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers – *No July Meeting*

1. Call to Order – Dr. Beyer

2. Roll Call – Dr. Beyer

3. Announcements

- N/A

4. Discussion

Old Business:

- Dog Park Cleanup – Group cleaned up Dog Park at last meeting. Went well. Several Woodchuck burrows were found that will need to be filled in.

New Business:

- Discussed TNR meetings taking place in Cedar Rapids
- Iowa State House passes laws making Animal Torture a felony, giving Veterinarians ability to report abuse to authorities, and setting guidelines for Service Animals (clarifying role vs. “Emotional Support” Animals.
- Johnson County has new Animal Bite Report:
<https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgis.johnsoncountyiowa.gov%2Fanimalbite%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cnbartz%40uwhealth.org%7C14e536742b0649b48fa908df0de82aed%7C0fd7902a3b4f49b0b1edaaa4d2b4f5f1%7C0%7C0%7C639244963146784542%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFPbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Bs%2FJ%2B70qgSBJriU3rpSR9nsDLVJ9dRXnGL6oMzpLB3E%3D&reserved=0>
- Police Report:
 - Officer Brad Longette reported that there had not been any new incidents to report.

5. Call to Adjourn Meeting

- Dr Beyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leesa seconds. Motion carried.