



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Office of the Commissioner**



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Commissioner

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**ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM  
WORKING GROUP MEETING**

June 27, 2019  
1:30 PM  
450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT  
Plaza Level, Meeting Room E

**Attendees:**

Bruce Sherman	Director of Regulatory Services
Bryan Hurlburt	Commissioner of Agriculture
Carol Briggs	Staff Attorney
Dave Carney	North Haven ACO
Donna Sicuranza	Tait's Every Animal Matters
Gayle Block	Town & Country Vet
Kelli Baker	State Animal Control
Linda Wenner	Northeastern CT Animal Rescue
Lynn DellaBianca	Trumbull ACO
Nathan Wilson	Dept. of Agriculture
Paula Majewski	Animal Population Control Program
Robin Bumpin	Environmental Committee Clerk
Sandra Monterose	
Steve Price	C.V.M.A.

1. **Call to Order** at 1:32 pm.  
Commissioner Hurlburt opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
2. **Intro of Members**  
Each member introduced themselves.
3. **Approval of Minutes**  
No minutes to review.
4. **Public Comment**  
Commissioner Hurlburt stressed how important these working groups are and the need to work together to educate the public on what is available to them. Commissioner asked members to set goals this year and have a set of recommendations for the next legislative session.

## 5. Old Business

There was no old business

## 6. New Business

### a. 2019 Legislative Wrap-up

- i. Nathan discussed two legislative bills from the 2019 legislative session. SB 997 (An Act Concerning Dog Licensing Fees) and SB 999 (An Act Concerning Municipal Pounds)
- ii. Members discussed other legislative items from the 2019 session

### b. Open Discussion RE: APCP

- i. Members discussed ways to improve the benefits and funding for APCP. Members agreed the APCP voucher system needs to be user-friendly and updated to reflect current technology.
- ii. Members discussed other topics such as cat licensing, updating animal control office reports, a portal for rabies and other adopted animal information
- iii. Members discussed adding new adding new faces to the working group such as CT Votes for Animals and Our Companions.
- iv. Members discussed concerns with animal importations happening in CT. Animal importers are coming up with ways around system so they can get animals in to the state. Members agree there needs to be better education for the public and better enforcement capabilities as enforcement can be difficult.
- v. Members discussed their concerns that veterinarians are struggling with retaining APCP clients and the benefits do not match up well with the services.

### c. Proposed Policy Changes/Updates for 2020 Legislature

- Members decided to develop good legislative concepts for the next legislative session in 2020 so they can be prepared for changes with APCP

## 7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:17 pm. Next meeting: August 15, 2019, same location.