

## Agenda

No CLE at this meeting. Fun, fresh and informative CLE's coming next year!

## Business

1. Quorum to approve minutes from December meeting?
2. Membership Update:
  - a. We will find out after licensing completes.
3. Updating the by-laws:
  - a. Approved by the council.
4. Donation of law journals:
  - a. Ideas on what to do with them?
5. Any ideas for upcoming CLE's?
6. Humane Lobby Day (Info from email from HSUS Idaho Director Lisa Kaufman: Mark your calendars for Idaho Humane Lobby Day, which will be **Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Capitol from 9:00-11:30 am.**

\*\*\*Ashley will be in attendance so let her know if you want a copy of her notes!

8:45-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	Welcome, How a Bill Becomes Law, How to Effectively Lobby Your Legislator
9:30-10:30	Overview of the proposed legislation, Presentation of Legislator of the Year Award
10:30-10:45	Diane Ayres, Spay Neuter Idaho Pets (SNIP) New low-cost SN clinic opening in Meridian in February
10:45-11:15	Suzanne Stone, Defenders of Wildlife and Carter Niemeyer, former USFWS Wolf Introduction Coordinator, discussion on non-lethal control of wolves and the Idaho Wolf Control Board which uses only lethal removal methods
11:15-11:25	Andrea Maki, President/Founder of Wild Love Preserve. She runs a wild horse sanctuary in Challis that provides a safe place for horses rounded up in Idaho by the BLM that do not get adopted.
11:25-11:30	Wrap up, questions

Below are the bills that as of right now are scheduled to be introduced:

### **Pet Friendly License Plate**

This bill would create a new specialty license plate where the funds would go to an account that could be accessed by a licensed Idaho veterinarian or city, county, or private animal shelter in the state for use of spay/neuter services for dogs and cats only.

### **Dogs and Cats Used for Research/Experimental Purposes**

This bill would make any dog or cat that is used for research or experimental purposes available for adoption once the animal is not needed as long as it does not carry any disease that can be passed to humans or other pets. As of right now, the only institute that uses dogs and cats is the Washington vet school out of Pullman. They get their animals from a local shelter to perform surgeries on by the vet students and they do allow the students to adopt the animals but it's not in law. Idaho is looking to add several medical schools in the future and a legislator was concerned about this. Sponsor is Sen. Mark Nye, D, Pocatello.

### **Pets in Hot Cars**

Would allow law enforcement, emergency responders or a good Samaritan the ability to break a window to provide aid to a distressed pet left in a car. Law enforcement can legally break a window, but currently a bystander such as myself cannot without the risk of getting sued by the vehicle owner for damage. Sponsor is Sen. Mark Nye, D, Pocatello.

### **Wolf Control Board**

In 2014, Idaho created the Wolf Control Board as a five year board and their mission was to lethally remove any problem wolves by contracting with Wildlife Services. They are funded by Idaho taxpayer money, and by the sheep and cattle industry. There is a bill out this session to make the board permanent. Normally, that bill would have been introduced in the 2019 session, but because we have a governors' race they want to pass it now because they know Gov. Otter will sign it and a new governor might not. Tricky on their part...

From Lisa: This is not something we can kill, so I have been working with other conservation groups, mainly Suzanne Stone from Defenders of Wildlife. Suzanne has over 30 years' experience with wolves and over 10 years in non-lethal control running a project in the Wood River Valley which has been highly successful. We have been meeting with legislators and members of the Wolf Control Board to strike the words 'legal lethal control' and replace it with 'legal control' which would give them the option of using non-lethal methods, which cost less and frankly are more effective. Unfortunately, the culture here is to kill everything as you all know. We have quite a few people interested in non-lethal methods so are working to get those words changed and we are hosting an informational session on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> (details below).

\*\*Possibly some more coming down the pipeline as well!

7. Anything Else?