

**Animal Law Section
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018**

In Attendance:

Ashley Marelius (ISB #10063); Matt Keen (Law Student); Megan Backsen (ISB #10490); Britt Kreimeyer (ISB #10061); Brian Ertz (ISB # 9960); Lisa Kaufman; Adam Karp (ISB #8913); Sunrise Ayers (ISB #7535); Zoe Ann Olsen (ISB #5856); Eileen Johnson (ISB #9935), Scribe

Agenda Attached.

Lisa Kaufman, Idaho State Director, Humane Society of the United States- Legislative Update

Humane Lobby Day is February 21, 2018.

Three bills in the Legislature this year:

- House Bill 540 - Pet Friendly License Plate
- Senate Bill 1244 – Civil and criminal immunity for breaking into vehicle to rescue heat distressed pets.
- Dogs and cats used for research/experimental purposes – no bill number yet.

Discussion of the bills. Lisa is working on changing Idaho's failure to define "shelter" in its cruelty statutes. Efforts to change this may need to wait until next year's session. Animal Law Section participation would help in these efforts.

Lisa Kaufman left call at 12:18 p.m.

Section Business - Ashley

Sunrise moves to approve December meeting minutes. Britt seconds. Unanimous approval.

We have 57 members! We will have updated membership numbers from the Bar on about March 2nd or 3rd. We can review and send out "please come back" communications to those who may have dropped off.

Updated section bylaws were approved by Bar.

Section received a large donation of law journals from Heather Cunningham. They are currently at Ashley's office. We need to come up with an idea for them. Perhaps we scan them and put on our website? They are dated so they may not be reliable. Ashley wants suggestions.

CLEs: The March large CLE did not work out due to busy schedules. We can out together a half day CLE. Zoe Ann, Adam have offered to speak. We could probably get Lisa to speak as well.

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Ashley wants to send out a survey monkey to members to determine what dates/times work best. If anyone has any ideas, please let Ashley know. Maybe Lisa can speak on the outcome of the bills in the Legislature after the session is over.

Adam: Have we talked to Sara Maleki with Washington section? Ashley: Eileen and Ashley talked to her awhile back and we will reach out to her again. Adam: Animal Law Summit #4 in Georgia in August.

Zoe Ann: Intermountain Fair Housing Council 50th Anniversary on April 18 at Boise Centre. CLE re Service Animals and reasonable accommodations. Zoe Ann will send Ashley the info to get out to the section members.

Please let Ashley know if anyone has other ideas for shorter CLEs as well.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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. 21st 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. 13th (details below).

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

7. Anything Else?