

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
July 08, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Frank L. Germanio, Jr., Chairperson
2. **MEETING NOTICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 10:4-6 to 10:4-21.**
3. **ROLL CALL:** ____ Z. Matalucci, ____ F. Germanio, ____ S. Turner, ____ T. VanArtsdalen
____ M. Cox, ____ J. Justice

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING:**

A. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Cape May County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center – Information regarding 1) Vaccinations, 2) Spay/Neuter Programs and 3) Feral Cats.

Approved by: ____ Z. Matalucci, ____ F. Germanio, ____ S. Turner,
____ T. VanArtsdalen, ____ M. Cox, ____ J. Justice

B. **COUNTY INSPECTIONS/VIOLATIONS:**

None.

C. **DOG REPORT:**

1. There have been 253 dog licenses issued to date for 2025.

D. **NOTICE OF CONFINEMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL(S) WITH KNOWN OR SUSPECTED EXPOSURE TO RABIES:**

None.

**E. SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE DISCHARGE NOTIFICATION & NJDEP
LAND USE PERMIT NOTIFICATION:**

None.

F. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

June 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Approved by: _____ Z. Matalucci, _____ F. Germanio, _____ S. Turner,
_____ T. VanArtsdalen, _____ M. Cox, _____ J. Justice

6. COMMENTS:

7. MOTION TO ADJORN MEETING:

**Animal Shelter & Adoption Center
Location**

110 Shelter Road
Cape May Court House, NJ
(In the Crest Haven Complex)

Mailing Address

DN 501B
4 Moore Road
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Phone: 609-465-8923

Fax: 609-465-8977

Cape May County Animal Shelter

Vaccinations

Discuss your pet's other vaccination needs with your veterinarian.

Call Shore Veterinarians at 609-390-9113 or Humane Society of Ocean City at 609-399-2018 for information on a low-cost wellness clinic. For cats only please call Animal Outreach of Cape May County at 609-826-5082.

Spay / Neuter

The single most important thing you can do as a responsible pet owner is have your pet spayed or neutered.

Please view local services for a list and links to veterinary hospitals and clinics located in Cape May County.

Programs

There are several programs available in Cape May County through the state, the county or your municipality. Call the shelter for more information.

Through the state or county animal population control programs you may be eligible to have your pet spayed or neutered for \$20 if you adopted your pet from:

- A municipal, county or regional pound
- A non-profit New Jersey animal adoption referral agency
- An eligible, licensed New Jersey shelter
- New Jersey holding or impoundment facility that contracts with New Jersey municipalities

Through the state or county animal population control programs you are eligible to spay or neuter your dog or cat for \$10 if you receive any of the following:

- Food stamps
- General public assistance
- Lifeline utility credit
- Medicaid
- Pharmaceutical assistance to aged and disabled
- Rental assistance aid to families with dependent children
- Supplemental security income
- Tenants lifeline assistance

Call any participating veterinary hospital or the shelter for additional program details. The state offer of discounted services is subject to availability of funds which are released quarterly (January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1) and deplete quickly. When depleted, county funds become available.

Feral Cats

Stray and free-roaming cats are a part of the everyday landscape in cities and towns nationwide. Some of the cats you see strolling about are owned pets. Others are strays that may have been left behind by an owner that moved or are lost pets. When these stray or lost pets reproduce their offspring may grow into adulthood never having had human contact. These undomesticated offspring may act completely feral. Use care when approaching what appears to be a feral cat. Even a domesticated cat when cornered and reacting out of fear may bite and scratch.

Feeding Stray Cats

Many people feed stray and free roaming cats that they encounter in their neighborhood, in their yards or at their workplace. Often a strong bond is created between the feeder and the cat or group of cats. If this is the case, there are 2 very important issues that must be addressed:

- Are the cats creating a nuisance in the neighborhood or area?
- Has the feeder spayed or neutered those stray cats that are being fed?

These 2 elements are often intertwined. A few unaltered cats will reproduce at an alarming rate and then become a nuisance. Please - if you feed stray cats, take steps to have them altered and vaccinated. Don't let the cats multiply and become a nuisance.

New Jersey Trap, Neuter, Return Project

Stray cats that are cared for by humans and living outside are often part of a TNR program – Trap, Neuter, Return. The cats are humanely trapped, altered, vaccinated and returned to where they were trapped. A small section of their ear is tipped or notched. This provides a quick and easy way for an onlooker to know the cat is altered, vaccinated and being cared for. This also assures those in the area that this cat will not reproduce and if it appears to be sick or injured someone will see that it receives vet care.

This trap is set and ready. Remember, it is safest for you and the cat to use a humane trap rather than try to corner the cat to grab it.

If you are feeding stray cats or know someone who is, please take the steps to have them altered. Many municipalities support TNR programs and even fund the procedure. In addition, there are several low cost options should your municipality not have funds available. Every Thursday, a low-cost feline clinic is held next door to the Cape May County Shelter by the Animal Alliance of Cape May County.

For information on TNR in your municipality, please call the shelter at 609-465-8923.

A cat is humanely trapped can then be transported for TNR.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:

**DATE: June 10, 2025
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: Dennis Township Municipal Building**

Chairman F. Germanio called the meeting to order reading the notice pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act.

Secretary, J. Justice conducted a roll call of the members present with, T. VanArtsdalen, F. Germanio, M. Cox and J. Justice present, S. Turner & Z. Matalucci were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ITEMS THAT WERE DISCUSSED:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. New Jersey Dept. of Health – Rabies – Frequently Asked Questions.

A motion was made by T. VanArtsdalen, seconded by M. Cox for approval of the correspondence, with 4 ayes and 2 absent (Turner & Matalucci) correspondence was approved.

COUNTY INSPECTIONS:

None.

DOG REPORT:

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NOTICE OF CONFINEMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL(S) WITH KNOWN OR SUSPECTED EXPOSURE TO RABIES:

None.

**SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE DISCHARGE NOTIFICATION & NJDEP LAND USE
PERMIT NOTIFICATION:**

None.

A motion was made by T. VanArtsdalen and seconded by M. Cox for approval of the May 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes, with 4 ayes and 2 absent (Turner & Matalucci), that the minutes were approved.

Let the record reflect that there were no comments from those present.

There being no further business a motion was made by T. VanArtsdalen and seconded by M. Cox, that the meeting be adjourned.

Attest: Jacqueline B. Justice, Secretary

Attest: Frank L. Germanio, Chairperson