

**Domestic Animal Control Work Group  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2019  
1:00 PM  
450 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT**

**Members Present:** Theresa Geary, Brenda Bettcher, Ryan Burrell, Susan Bransfield and Gail Petras

**Members Absent:** Susan Linker

**DoAg staff:** Jeff Beckham, Carole Briggs, Karen Jones, Nathan Wilson and Jason Bowsza

1. **Welcome** – Jason Bowsza called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.
2. **Review and approval of Regular Meeting Minutes** – The November 29, 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved by the working group members.
3. **Public Comment** – Rep. Doug Dubitsky, Jeanne Mucci and Rick Prince all provided public comment.
4. **Old Business** – There was no old business.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Working group discussion**
    - i. Discussion ensued by members and staff regarding the final agency bill proposal for the 2019 legislative recommendations for C.G.S 22-358 and 22-359.
    - ii. Members and staff discussed issues regarding preventative measures for dog bites, future changes to the nuisance and roaming statutes and the collection of more dog bite data.
    - iii. Members and staff also discussed advocacy ideas as next steps if the proposed legislation were to come before a public hearing.
    - iv. Jason Bowsza shared the legislative process with the working group members.
  - b. **Next meeting?**
    - i. Members decided to hold another meeting to continue discussions on the current recommendations and other dog bite issues.
6. **Next Meeting** – February 7, 2019 at 1:00 PM at 450 Columbus Blvd in Hartford, CT.
7. **Adjournment** – Members motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Nathan Wilson, Executive Assistant January 16, 2019*