



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



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**ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM  
WORKING GROUP MEETING**

August 15, 2019  
1:30 PM  
450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT  
Plaza Level, Meeting Room E

**Attendees:**

Gayle Block	Town & Country Vet
Dave Carney	North Haven ACO
Deb Denette	CTCA-Town Clerk East Haddam
Annie Hornish	The Humane Society of the United States
Bryan Hurlburt	Commissioner of Agriculture
Susan Linker	Our Companions Animal Rescue
Paula Majewski	Animal Population Control Program
Sandra Monterose	
Donna Sicuranza	Tait's Every Animal Matters
Gordon Willard	CT Humane Society
Linda Wenner	Northeastern CT Animal Rescue
Nathan Wilson	Dept. of Agriculture

1. **Call to Order** at 1:32 pm.  
Nathan Wilson opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
  
2. **Approval of Minutes**  
Minutes from June 27, 2019 were approved.
  
4. **Public Comment**  
No public comment.
  
5. **Old Business**  
No old business.
  
6. **New Business**
  - a. **APCP funding and benefits.**
    - i. Members discussed need for on-line dog licensing and possible incentives.
    - ii. Members discussed why we need to license dogs.
    - iii. Members discussed increasing veterinarian's reimbursement for services.
    - iv. Members discussed adding payment for Heartworm testing to the program.
    - v. Members discussed the escalating costs in veterinary care and why veterinarians are dropping out of the program.
    - vi. Members discussed the future of APCP and converting to an e-license system.
  - b. **Online portal for ACO's, rabies, and adopted animal reports.**
    - i. Members discussed need for on-line portal to aid in enforcement of laws concerning pets.

**c. Animal importation in Connecticut**

- i. Members discussed need to educate importers and zoning officials on state laws concerning importation.
- ii. Members discussed possible incentives for enforcing the laws for importation.

**d. Outreach programs for APCP**

- i. Members discussed possible suggestions to educate public about APCP and licensing of dogs. Ideas included posters, pamphlets and updating the web-site. Also, have groups add information to their web-sites and Facebook pages.

**7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 3:42 pm.

Next meeting: October 24, 2019, same location.