

The Association for
**Animal Welfare
Advancement**



POSITION STATEMENT FOR COVID-19

The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement believes that private and public animal shelters and animal services officers are essential entities that are relied upon to provide for the safety and well-being of animals and people in communities. They protect the public health and safety from potential injury, disease transmission and property damage from free-roaming animals. Many organizations provide lifesaving medical care for homeless and owned animals while providing foster and adoption services completing families during this time of crisis. For most of our citizens animals are considered part of the family. With the support of animal welfare and animal care & control organizations for animal-related issues, human services agencies can maintain focus on human-specific concerns.

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About

Since 1970, The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement has been leading the conversation among animal welfare leaders. As the only membership organization dedicated exclusively to animal welfare, care and control professionals, The Association develops strong leaders, promotes standards of practice, and cultivates collaboration to advance the animal welfare profession with a united voice. For more information, please visit theaawa.org