



# PET FRIENDLY TASK GROUP AGENDA

**June 29, 2022 at 12:30 PM**

**City Hall - Conference Room 106, 828 Center Avenue,  
Sheboygan, WI**

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## **OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Betty Ackley, Laura Berchem, Abby Block, Michelle Warner,, Kristine Potter, Michelle Gentine, Pam Hertel, Andy Heyn, Scott Mills, and Molly Talaska may attend remotely.

**MINUTES:** Approval of minutes - May 25, 2022

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

4. Touch Base on grant activities and progress with park recommendation process
- [5.](#) Discuss certification through the Better Cities for Pets Program
6. Check in on issues at the Willson Dog Run.
7. Check in on any developments regarding bones being placed on common dog-walking routes

## **NEXT MEETING**

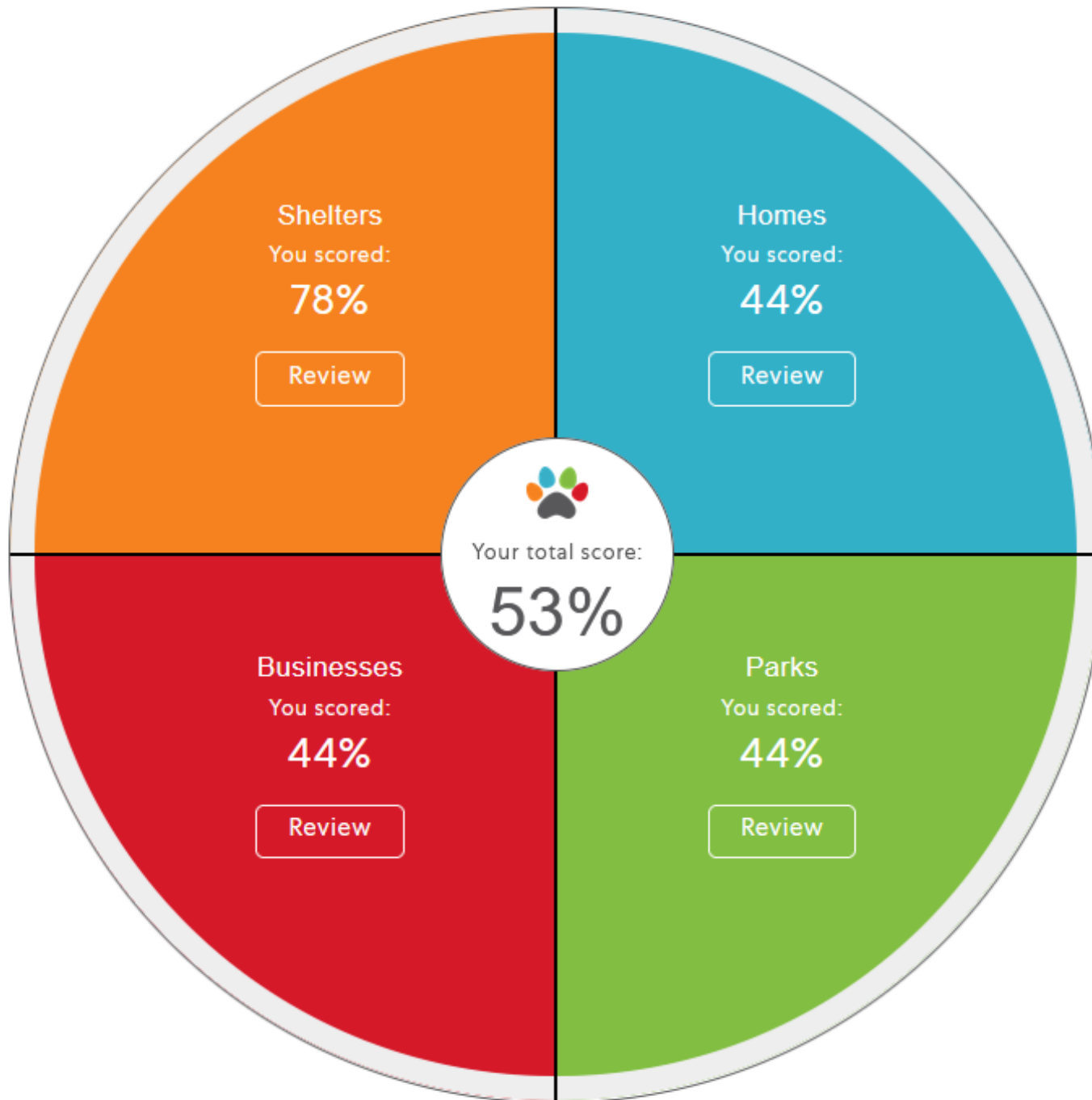
8. Next meeting date: July 27, 2022

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Motion to Adjourn

**ADJOURN**



# About Your City

Question 1 out of 5

## Demographics

Use census data or information from local government agencies, chambers of commerce, resident or business associations.

[U.S. census data](#) [EU census data](#) [Australia census data](#)

Size of geographic area you're assessing

(e.g. "1.2 mile radius of downtown core" or "16-block area around Main Street")

Estimated population

Estimated % of owned housing

Estimated % of rental housing

Estimated number of households

We use the [AVMA Pet Ownership Calculator](#) to fill these in for you. You can click on the "Use manual calculation" box to calculate these yourself.

Estimated number of dog - owning households

(.384 x total number of households)

Estimated number of cat - owning households

(.254 x total number of households)

Estimated number of dogs

(1.6 x number of dog-owning households)

Estimated number of cats

(1.8 x number of cat-owning households)

☐ Use manual calculation

Ask your local animal care and control team if you need input on these questions

Does your city have a city-owned/run shelter?

Does your county have a county-owned/run shelter?

If no city- or county-owned shelter, where do local citizens go to adopt pets?

Estimated number of public and private shelters in your area (including city, county, nearby)

## Public Parks, Trails & Green Spaces

Ask your parks department if you need input on these questions

Estimated number of parks in your area

Estimated number of parks that allow on-leash pets

Estimated number of parks that allow off-leash pets

## Businesses

Ask your local chamber of commerce, business association or convention and visitors' bureau if you need input on these questions.

Estimated number of veterinary clinics and/or hospitals in your area

Estimated number of pet-focused businesses in your area (e.g. pet food store, pet day care, etc.)

Estimated percent of local restaurants that are pet-friendly

Estimated percent of local hotels that are pet-friendly

Estimated percent of local retailers that are pet-friendly

Estimated percent of local workplaces that allow pets at work

Estimated total percent of pet-friendly businesses

## Shelters are warm and welcoming to encourage adoption

Our shelters are happy places that people want to visit to adopt a pet.

Pets are comfortable at our city's shelters and have room to play.

Adoptable pets are readily available for viewing and interaction.

Shelter signage is welcoming and makes it easy to figure out where to go.

## Partners collaborate to end pet homelessness

Public, nonprofit and private shelters in our city/county share data and information to help homeless pets and get pets adopted.

Our city/county-owned shelter partners with other organizations to help homeless pets and get pets adopted.

Our city/county-owned shelter partners with for-profit businesses to help homeless pets and get pets adopted.

Our city has at least one policy or program that encourages animal adoption, e.g. an official Pet Adoption Awareness Day.

## Community cat programs humanely address overpopulation

Our city has a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program through which cats are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered, vaccinated and returned to live out their lives in their home colony.

Yes

TNR is accepted by the community for the benefits it provides.

Sometimes

Community cats are well cared for in our city.

Sometimes

Our city has one or more Working Cats programs where businesses adopt cats to help control rodent populations

Yes

## Pet-friendly housing options exist for all families and pets

City laws allow pet ownership without restrictions on pet breed.

Yes

Pet-owners have plenty of options for where to live.

Sometimes

Pets are welcome in most rentals, condos and neighborhoods, regardless of breed or size.

Rarely/Never

Rental housing pet deposits or fees are reasonable.

Often/Always

## Support exists to help keep pets in homes through tough times

Our local food banks or animal welfare organizations distribute pet food for families in need.

Often/Always

Our city's disaster relief plans include pets (e.g. temporary shelters allow pets).

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Our city has programs to help pet owners with responsible choices (e.g. low-cost spay/neuter and micro-chipping)

Yes

Our city has publicly or privately funded programs to help pet owners keep pets during tough times (e.g. support for homeless pet owners, micro-loans for pet emergencies, pet-friendly domestic violence shelter, etc.).

No

## Pet amenities are available in housing and neighborhoods

Housing developments and neighborhoods have pet relief areas with free waste bags.

Sometimes

Housing developments and neighborhoods provide drinking fountains or other hydration options for pets.

Rarely/Never

Housing developments and neighborhoods have pet-friendly green space within walking distance (1/4 mile).

Rarely/Never

Housing developments and neighborhoods offer pet amenities such as pet bathing or grooming areas, educational and training classes, veterinary services, etc.

Rarely/Never

## Pet needs are included in city, park and green space planning

Pet-friendly parks and public spaces are located throughout our city.

Sometimes

Pet needs are considered in public event and festival spaces.

Sometimes

More off-leash parks and pet-friendly spaces are planned in our city within the next five years.

Yes

Green space planning includes consideration for pets (e.g. on- or off-leash play areas and relief areas).

Sometimes

## Public pet amenities support good health for all

Our city's public spaces have easy-to-find pet relief areas with free waste bags and trash receptacles.

Sometimes

Our city has easy-to-find hydration options for pets, such as drinking fountains that are low to the ground and pet-friendly.

Rarely/Never

Our city has signage that clearly identifies pet amenities

Sometimes

Our city communicates about local pet amenities, programs and services (e.g. on city website, app, etc.).

Yes

## People know the expectations for pets in public places

Parks and public spaces in our city have signs about where pets are allowed or restricted.

Sometimes

Parks and public spaces post clear rules about pet owner responsibilities, where pets may be off-leash, etc.

Sometimes

Our city has a program to educate kids about dog behavior and/or avoiding dog bites.

No

Our city has a program to educate pet owners about responsible pet ownership.

No

## Businesses make it easy to be out with your pet

Our city has laws or regulations that allow businesses to welcome pets (e.g. "pets on patios" legislation).

Yes

Businesses post clear signage indicating if or where pets are welcome

Rarely/Never

Restaurants in our city welcome pets (inside or on patios).

Sometimes

Our city promotes itself as pet-friendly or has plans to do so in the near future.

Sometimes

## Traveling with pets is accessible, safe and affordable

The main streets in my city have wide, safe and accessible sidewalks to accommodate people with pets and service animals.

Often/Always

Our city's taxi and other fee-based car services allow pets.

Sometimes

Our public transportation allows pets regardless of size or breed.

Yes

Our airport has areas designated for pets and/or pet-friendly amenities.

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## Workplaces know and support the benefits of pets at work

Our city has pet-friendly businesses that allow employees to bring their pets to work.

Yes

Businesses post clear signage indicating if they are a pet-friendly workplace.

Rarely/Never

Our city is supportive of pet-friendly workplaces and encourages them in some way.

No

One or more departments of our city government allow employees to bring pets to work.

No