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**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
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### Live Form

Topic Reopen Pinellas  
BCC Agenda Date 4-21-2020  
Your Stand on the Issue Undecided

Comments  
The PCC needs to loosen up the restrictions in Pinellas to mirror the Governor's order. Specifically, you need to open up Dog Groomers. By your board choosing to close them, you are putting everyone's pets at risk of infection. There are some breeds that have to be groomed by a professional- we are not just talking about a bath. If these breeds are not cared for by a professional, they are prone to matting of the fur. This requires the dogs to have to be shaved down to the bare skin. Also when a dog's anal glands are not expressed frequently, it can lead to infection. It costs me \$10 to get this service done at my groomer. Whereas if I have to go to the vet for an infection, it would cost me \$400+. Let me ask you this.. Are you going to pay my vet bill? I am unemployed thanks to all of this, and I do not have money to pay a vet much less my rent and other bills. I voted for you guys, now it's your turn to stop reacting to social media and the news and help your citizens!! So far you are doing a horrible job!! We need to re-open things before it's too late!!

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**From:** Kerrie Kuper <kerriekuper@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** PET GROOMING ESSENTIAL SERVICE MEETING 4/21/2020

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REVISIT PET GROOMING AS ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN PINELLAS COUNTY AND OPEN PET GROOMING.

ON 4/17/2020 HOMELAND SECURITY, CISA UPDATED FEDERAL GUIDELINES FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE: WORKERS PERFORMING SERVICES TO ANIMALS IN HUMAN CARE.

<https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce?fbclid=IwAR0pnlgRfTLUAyLwCyc0wSILR52FVyKF67M4DEv2k6mLudhNhlemIEeikfE>

WHY DO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN PINELLAS COUNTY HAVE PET GROOMING SHUT DOWN BUT NOT IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY?

I HAVE EMAILED NUMEROUS TIMES COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF AND HAVE NOT EVEN HAD A RESPONSE TO MY E MAILS.

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS NOT TO HAVE PET GROOMING OPEN IN THE COUNTY, YET VETS AND BOARDING CAN BE OPEN??

, GROOMERS CAN SOCIAL DISTANCE, FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES AND SAFELY TAKE CARE OF ANIMALS IN HUMAN CARE AND PROVIDE A VITAL SERVICE FOR ANIMAL CARE. IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT FLUFFING UP YOUR POODLE, WHICH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SHERIFF DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND.

HUNDREDS OF PETS AND THEIR OWNERS ARE NOT GETTING THE CARE THEY NEED DUE TO YOUR NOT ACTING ON THEIR BEHALF.

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Kerrie Kuper