

MINUTES

BRENHAM ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

April 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the City of Brenham's Animal Services Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Brenham Animal Services Center Conference Room, 1804 Longwood Drive, Brenham, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Megan Gray, Jeana Bellinger, Lori Sladek, Carol Doersom, Dr. Christine Rockey, Sharon Guelker

Board Members Absent:

Erin Christian

City of Brenham Staff Present:

Morgan Koehn

Citizens/Others Present:

None

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Citizen and Visitor Comments

None were heard.

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Minutes from the October 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Christine Rockey and seconded by Sharon Guelker to approve the Minutes from the Brenham Animal Services Advisory Board Special Meeting that occurred on February 25, 2025.

4. Discussion and Presentation on the Purpose and Scope of Brenham Animal Services and Shelter Statistics as of March 31st, 2025.

The shelter statistics as of March 31, 2025 were presented by Manager Gray. Carol Doersom asked what could count as "death in shelter." Manager Gray explained that any animal that comes into our care healthy and then dies for any reason other than euthanasia is part of this category. Examples of this would be puppies dying of Parvovirus, kittens dying of Panleukopenia or any other illnesses or injuries that happen during their stay at the shelter that result in death.

Dr. Rockey asked what is considered an owner surrender. Manager Gray stated that an owner surrender is any animal that has been fed, cared for, and in the finder's possession for longer than 72 hours before reporting it to Brenham Animal Services.

Dr. Rockey also asked about how surgeries with Dr. Mohr are going. Manager Gray answered that they are going very well and have been successful.

Jeana Bellinger stated that the SNAP program may eventually be funded in part by the county and, if so, would be extended to Washington County residents. She said Judge Durrenberger reached out to her and wants the county to participate in the program. Jeana stated that the city will request \$10,000 in funding from the county to extend the program.

5. Administration Updates

The Bluebonnet Festival was a success and there were 16 dog adoptions.

For upcoming events, the Animal Friends Paws in the Park event was mentioned. This will be held on 4/16/2025.

During the summer months, the farmer's market events will be discontinued due to the extreme heat.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Megan Gray

Chairman

ATTEST:

Morgan Koehn

Staff Liaison