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BRENHAM ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

July 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the City of Brenham's Animal Services Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, beginning at 11:02 a.m. at the Brenham Animal Services Center Conference Room, 1804 Longwood Drive, Brenham, Texas.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Erin Christian, Lori Sladek

City of Brenham Staff Present:

Morgan Patton

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 April 15th, 2025 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Sharon Guelker and seconded by Carol Doersom to approve the Minutes from the Brenham Animal Services Advisory Board Special Meeting that occurred on April 15, 2025.

4. Discussion and Presentation on the Purpose and Scope of Brenham Animal Services and Shelter Statistics as of June 30th, 2025.

The shelter statistics as of June 30, 2025, were presented by Manager Gray. Carol Doersom asked about the Spay and Neuter Assistance Program and if it is only available to friendly

cats. Manager Gray stated that the animals must be able to be handled for the safety of the staff, and that Brenham Animal Services does not currently provide assistance for the sterilization of feral cats. Jeana Bellinger and Manager Gray stated that the 2025-2026 budget will decrease the SNAP Program funding from \$10,000 to \$5,000 because the entirety of the budget for the program is not being utilized. In addition, Mrs. Bellinger has reached out to Washington County leadership regarding the potential to extend SNAP to county residents with some funding from the county. Manager Gray said that county citizens should reach out to their commissioners if they want more programs available to them in the county. Dr. Rockey said she would love to see a feral cat program implemented at some point.

5. Administration Updates

Upcoming events:

- All adoptions for July will be \$25.
- PetSmart adoptions have been very successful recently.
- There will be 2 school group tours in the next month to help educate children about the shelter and Animal Services.
- Clear the Shelter is August 23, 2025. There will be a bounce house, snow cones, and free adoptions.
- Adoptions at the farmer's markets will resume in September.
- Coldwell Banker requested an adoption event at their facility, which will occur in September.
- The Scarecrow Festival will take place on October 11-12 and there will be free dog adoptions.

Dr. Rockey asked about foster to feature and if any foster dogs will be at these events. Manager Gray stated that there are currently no animals in foster to feature. The majority of fosters are foster to adopt or medical fosters during heartworm treatment. Dr. Rockey informed the board of an alternative heartworm treatment that takes more time but requires no restrictive confinement. The regimen would include giving 30 days of Doxycycline and then a dose of ProHeart 12 and then waiting 6 months and giving 30 more days of Doxycycline and another dose of ProHeart 12. There have been some dogs show a negative heartworm result in 8 months.

Board member re-appointments are on a rotational basis and the members set to expire in 2025 are Sharon Guelker, Lori Sladek, and Erin Christian. Re-appointment forms have been sent via e-mail to those members.

Dr. Rockey said that there will be 5-6 vet students working at BVH in 2 week increments throughout the rest of the year that need experience in spays and neuters. Brenham Animal Services will take some animals to BVH throughout the semester for sterilizations to help them gain experience in surgeries.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Megan Gray
Chairman

ATTEST:

Morgan Patton
Staff Liaison