



NOTICE OF A MEETING
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 14th @ 11:00 am
Brenham Animal Shelter
1804 Longwood Drive
Brenham, Texas

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
 - 2. Citizen and Visitor Comments**
 - 3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Minutes from the July 8th, 2025, Regular Meeting**
 - 4. Discussion and Presentation on the Purpose and Scope of Brenham Animal Services and Shelter Statistics as of September 30th, 2025**
 - 5. Administration Updates**
 - **Upcoming Events**
 - **TNR Recap**

Adjourn

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the agenda of items to be considered by the Animal Shelter Advisory Board on Tuesday, October 14th, was posted to the City Hall bulletin board at 200 W. Vulcan, Brenham, TX & on the Animal Services window at 1804 Longwood, Brenham, TX on Friday October 10th, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Executive Sessions: The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee may convene in Executive Session to discuss matters authorized by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including but not limited to: §551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, §551.072 – Real Property, §551.073 – Prospective Gifts, §551.074 - Personnel Matters, §551.076 – Security Devices, §551.086 - Utility Competitive Matters, and §551.087 – Economic Development Negotiations. The City Attorney must be present for all Executive Session discussions.

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I certify that this notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was removed by me from the City Hall bulletin board & Animal Services window on _____ at _____.

Signature



MINUTES

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.

ATTEST:

Megan Gray
Chairman

Morgan Patton
Staff Liaison

SERVICE CALLS/CASES

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
	67	60	47	51	58	59	65	71	64	60	65	66

Note: Most all calls/cases require multiple follow-up visits (i.e. barking dog complaint, multi-animal checks, fence checks, etc..)

ANIMAL INTAKES

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Dog Intakes	25	24	36	23	24	35	39	52	26	60	66	27
Cat Intakes	33	20	16	19	10	14	17	34	45	52	49	45
TOTAL INTAKES	58	44	52	42	34	49	56	86	71	112	115	72
City Intakes	13	21	33	26	17	18	28	26	26	49	48	40
Percentage	22.4%	47.7%	63.5%	61.9%	50.0%	36.7%	50.0%	30.2%	37.1%	43.7%	41.7%	55.6%
County Intakes	45	23	19	16	17	31	27	58	44	62	67	32
Percentage	77.6%	52.3%	36.5%	38.1%	50.0%	63.3%	48.2%	67.4%	62.9%	55.4%	58.3%	44.4%
Other Counties	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Percentage	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	2.3%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Overall Outside City	77.6%	52.3%	36.5%	38.1%	50.0%	63.3%	50.0%	69.8%	62.9%	56.3%	58.3%	44.4%
INTAKE BREAKDOWN												
Stray @ Shelter	28	15	23	17	13	22	20	33	31	42	48	37
Stray @ Field	7	8	3	3	2	6	6	8	10	8	10	13
Agency Assist	1	1	5	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	3	1
Landlord Surrenders	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Shelter Quarantine	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0
Owner Surrenders	22	19	11	21	18	17	28	40	28	60	51	21
Born In Shelter	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
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Average Outside City Limits 55.0%

SHELTER POPULATION

IN FOSTER HOMES	93	70	69	63	50	36	43	62	80	100	81	80
	4	3	4	3	4	13	15	24	9	11	18	13

Microchips	18	5	5	12	26	14	5	9	9	13	10	9
SNAP Touchers Utilized	-	-	-	2	5	9	5	4	4	2	3	3

ADOPTIONS/TRANSFERS/RECLAIMS

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Dogs Adopted	29	19	17	20	19	25	27	21	17	18	45	16
Cats Adopted	44	32	28	19	10	11	17	22	35	49	44	26
Transported Out	0	13	4	3	14	14	1	15	4	9	20	18
Returned to Owner	2	3	4	1	2	5	4	3	4	6	12	12
TOTAL OUT	75	67	53	43	45	55	49	61	60	82	121	72
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NON-LIVE OUTCOMES

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Sick	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Injured	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Behavior	1	2	2	3	1	2	0	0	1	3	2	3
Died in Shelter	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Shelter Bite Animal	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
TOTAL NLO	2	3	5	3	6	2	1	1	3	6	4	5
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Save Rate

95.5%