



MINUTES

BRENHAM ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

October 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the City of Brenham's Animal Services Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, beginning at 11:04 a.m. at the Brenham Animal Services Center Conference Room, 1804 Longwood Drive, Brenham, Texas.

Board Members Present:

Megan Gray, Jeana Bellinger, Erin Christian, Carol Doersom, Lori Sladek

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Kristine Rockey, Sharon Guelker

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 May 7, 2024, and August 6, 2024 Regular Meetings

A motion was made by Jeana Bellinger and seconded by Erin Christian to approve the Minutes from the Brenham Animal Services Advisory Board Meetings that occurred on May 7, 2024 and August 6, 2024.

4. Discussion and Presentation on the Purpose and Scope of Brenham Animal Services and Shelter Statistics as of September 30, 2024

The final statistics for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 were presented by Megan Gray. The number of animals euthanized for behavior was questioned. Megan Gray explained that there have been 4 strains of bacterial infections in the shelter dogs. The sick animals were needing to be paired together in pens to keep all the sick animals in one area and healthy dogs in another. Due to not being able to be paired because of dog aggression, some of the sick and aggressive dogs were euthanized.

5. Discussion and Presentation on the Adopted FY2024-25 Animal Services Budget

Jeana Bellinger briefly summarized the Adopted 2024-2025 Animal Services Budget. She stated that it is about \$776,000 and includes \$10,000 for a spay/neuter voucher program for citizens of Brenham.

6. Administration Updates

- **Brazos Valley Gives**

Megan Gray stated that Brenham Animal Services will be participating in Brazos Valley Gives and this is the first time since around 2018 that the shelter has been involved in this program.

- **Canine Health Status Update**

Megan Gray discussed the medical treatments that have been given to the shelter dogs for the bacterial infections, including Amoxicillin, Clavamox, Gentamycin, Clindamycin, and Baytril. There are 3 rows of healthy dogs and 2 rows of dogs who are still sick and on medication.

- **Upcoming Events**

Megan Gray discussed the upcoming events the shelter will be participating in including the Scarecrow Festival in Chappel Hill, TX. She stated that healthy dogs who have been asymptomatic from the bacterial infections will be the animals brought to this and any other upcoming events.

The Doggie Day Out Program (DDO) is scheduled to begin on Saturday October 19, with a councilmember being the first patron to participate in DDO. This program is for citizens to take a dog out of the shelter for some time during the day and take them to various locations around town. This enrichment is good for the animals to get out and experience activities outside of the shelter environment.

- **Post Adoption Email Update**

Several adoption updates have been sent in from new adopters. They have all been very positive and the staff loves hearing the happy stories about the former shelter animals.

- **Next Meeting Date: January 21, 2025**

Tentatively, January 21, 2025 will be the next meeting as Erin Christian will be out of the state on January 14, 2025.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.

Megan Gray

Chairman

ATTEST:

Morgan Koehn

Staff Liaison