



**NOTICE OF A MEETING**  
**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, April 15th @ 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 February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Special Meeting**
  - 4. Discussion and Presentation on the Purpose and Scope of Brenham Animal Services and Shelter Statistics as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**
  - 5. Administration Updates**
    - Bluebonnet Festival Update**
    - Upcoming Events**

**Adjourn**

***CERTIFICATION***

*I certify that a copy of the agenda of items to be considered by the Animal Shelter Advisory Board on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature



## MINUTES

### BRENHAM ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

February 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the City of Brenham's Animal Services Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, beginning at 11:01 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, Dr. Christine Rockey, Sharon Guelker

**Board Members Absent:**

Lori Sladek

**City of Brenham Staff Present:**

Morgan Koehn

**Citizens/Others Present:**

None

**6. Call Meeting to Order**

**7. Citizen and Visitor Comments**

None were heard.

**8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 Meeting that occurred on October 8, 2024.

**9. Discussion and Presentation on the Purpose and Scope of Brenham Animal Services and Shelter Statistics as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

The shelter statistics as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 were presented by Manager Gray. Erin Christian asked what the reasons for behavioral euthanasia would be. Manager Gray explained that all aspects of the animal's behavior are taken into consideration. Some animals are human aggressive, and some are aggressive to other animals. Animals that are euthanized

due to them being a danger to other animals or humans are categorized as “euthanized for behavior.”

Erin Christian also asked what the protocol is for animal cruelty/welfare cases as she has seen lots of talk on Facebook about animals in the cold and other welfare issues. Manager Gray informed her that animals must have access to water and covered shelter at all times. There were a couple of specific welfare cases mentioned. Animal Control Officers had been to both cases and there were no further calls after the ACO had made contact with the owner. Brenham Animal Services will follow up on all welfare calls, but sometimes people post on Facebook instead of calling the shelter with issues. The shelter needs to be informed of any welfare issues to be able to respond.

Carol Doersom asked how the wait/appointment process works for surrenders to the shelter. Manager Gray explained that City of Brenham animals are first priority and Washington County animals are secondary. The wait for surrenders depends on if it is a stray or owner surrender. The wait varies from about one week to 5 weeks depending on the location of the animal and type of surrender. Manager Gray will make a chart stating the differences and estimated wait time for an appointment.

Manager Gray also recommended citizens call the non-emergency line for Washington County dispatch regarding animal control related calls as dispatch will contact the ACO directly.

#### **10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Future Meeting Dates**

The following dates were presented and unanimously approved for the Animal Services Advisory Board meetings for the remainder of 2025:

- **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
- **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

#### **11. Administration Updates**

Dr. Charles Mohr will be the new vet on staff at Brenham Animal Services. He has 30+ years of experience and will be doing spays and neuters in-house as well as rounds for all the animals in the care of the shelter.

An air conditioned adoption van will be in the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. This will provide more options for adoption events any time of year or at any location.

- **Doggy Day Out Update**

As of January 15, 2025, 12 dogs have been taken out through the Doggy Day Out program. It has been successful and is enriching for the animals as well as informative for the staff. The behavior of the dogs while out and about can be used to help advertise them to prospective adopters.

- **SNAP Update**

There have been 7 applications approved for the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program as of January 15, 2025. This program is currently only open to citizens of the City of Brenham. Jeana Bellinger said the mayor gave her approval to reach out to county officials about the possibility of extending the SNAP program to county residents with some funding from the county.

Dr. Rockey and others advised putting SNAP fliers in lower income areas of town. Some recommendations were: WIC, Brenham Housing Authority, grocery markets in town, mailboxes at low-income apartment complexes, Blinn College, HUD, and the Boys & Girls Club.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Petsmart adoption events have been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.
- Brenham Animal Services is now participating in the Bellville Market the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.
- Bluebonnet Festival April 12-13, 2025
- Animal Friends Dog park adoption event on March 12, 2025 at 4 p. m.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

**ANIMAL SERVICES STATISTICS**  
10/1/2024 thru 9/30/2025

**SERVICE CALLS/CASES**

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

*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						
Cat Intakes	33	20	16	19	10	14						
<b>TOTAL INTAKES</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
City Intakes	13	21	33	26	17	18						
Percentage	22.4%	47.7%	63.5%	61.9%	50.0%	36.7%						
County Intakes	45	23	19	16	17	31						
Percentage	77.6%	52.3%	36.5%	38.1%	50.0%	63.3%						
Other Counties	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Percentage	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%						
<b>Overall Outside City</b>	<b>77.6%</b>	<b>52.3%</b>	<b>36.5%</b>	<b>38.1%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>63.3%</b>						

Average Outside City Limits 53.0%

**INTAKE BREAKDOWN**

Stray @ Shelter	28	15	23	17	13	22						
Stray @ Field	7	8	3	3	2	6						
Agency Assist	1	1	5	0	0	1						
Landlord Surrenders	0	1	0	0	0	1						
Shelter Quarantine	0	0	0	1	1	2						
Owner Surrenders	22	19	11	21	18	17						
Born In Shelter	0	0	10	0	0	0						
<b>TOTAL INTAKES</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>49</b>						<b>279</b>

**SHELTER POPULATION**

<b>IN FOSTER HOMES</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>						
<b>IN FOSTER HOMES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>						

Microchips	18	5	5	12	26	14						80
SNAP Vouchers Utilized	-	-	-	2	5	9						16

**ADOPTIONS/TRANSFERS/RECLAIMS**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Dogs Adopted	29	19	17	20	19	25						
Cats Adopted	44	32	28	19	10	11						
Transported Out	0	13	4	3	14	14						
Returned to Owner	2	3	4	1	2	5						
<b>TOTAL OUT</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL OUT</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>338</b>

**NON-LIVE OUTCOMES**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Sick	0	0	1	0	0	0						
Injured	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Behavior	1	2	2	3	1	2						
Died in Shelter	1	0	1	0	5	0						
Shelter Bite Animal	0	1	1	0	0	0						
<b>TOTAL NLO</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>						<b>21</b>

Save Rate 92.5%