



NOTICE OF A MEETING
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 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 June 9th, 2026, Regular Meeting**
 - 4. Discussion and Presentation on the Purpose and Scope of Brenham Animal Services and Shelter Statistics as of August 31st, 2026**
 - 5. Administration Updates**
 - **Events**
 - **Adoption Van Promotion Plan**

Adjourn

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the agenda of items to be considered by the Animal Shelter Advisory Board on Tuesday, September 15th, 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 Wednesday September 9th, 2026, at 11 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

June 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Brenham's Animal Services Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 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, Suzanne Callaway, Carol Doersom, Kristina Newton, Sharon Guelker, Dr. Christine Rockey

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 7th, 2026, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Suzanne Callaway and seconded by Sharon Guelker to approve the Minutes from the Brenham Animal Services Advisory Board Regular Meeting that occurred on April 7, 2026.

4. Discussion and Presentation on the Purpose and Scope of Brenham Animal Services and Shelter Statistics as of May 31st, 2026

The shelter statistics as of May 31, 2026, were presented by Manager Gray. Carol Doersom asked what the 2 reported deaths were. Manager Gray answered stating one was a sick kitten that died in its pen from failure to thrive. The other was a dog in foster for heartworm treatment who was hit by a car and killed.

Jeana Bellinger asked if Carol Collins was getting updates on the County SNAP program after her generous donation. Manager Gray stated that she sends quarterly updates to Carol Collins via email.

Kristina Newton asked about the transport partners and how those partnerships came about. Manager Gray stated that, while she was working at Lubbock Animal Services, she made a working relationship with Idaho Humane Society, as well as Cache Humane Society in Utah for transports. When she came to Brenham, she kept those relationships and continued sending dogs to those shelters. In addition, the transport driver, Rose, introduced Manager Gray to the management at Spokane Humane Society in Washington State. The 3rd transport to Spokane will be June 13, 2026. Brenham Animal Services also partners with Sterling Humane Society in Massachusetts for occasional puppy transports.

Kristina further asked how the animals are chosen to go to the other shelters. Manager Gray stated that the receiving shelters hand pick who they are interested in. Megan then shares more information and recommendations with them regarding those animals.

5. Administration Updates

- **Adoption Van Promotion Plan**

Carol Doersom asked about the van and if it would be used for transports. It was clarified that the van would be used for local adoption events for animals at the shelter. A mock-up flyer for the adoption van sponsorship options was shared with the board. The van is expected to be \$250,000. The shelter needs to raise half of that through donations and promotion, and it is proposed that the city would match the other half. If the funds are raised, October 1, 2028, would be the date for the capital purchase. If the van is fully funded beforehand, it could be purchased sooner.

One benefit of this van would be the ease of travel. There will no longer be lengthy setup and breakdown of kennels, a tent, table etc. at each event. This will help with time management and more efficient use of staff members.

There was some brainstorming on funding and sponsor advertising. Kristina Newton recommended asking the new AI center if they would sponsor the van. Jeana Bellinger said the shelter could utilize creative ways to get the word out about the van while looking for sponsors. Discussions were had about applying for grants, promoting it at Clear the Shelter, the Arts & Music Festival in the fall, using QR codes on “adopt me” vests on the dogs, as well as keeping a digital donation tracker in the shelter and online to show the fundraising progress. More discussion included advertising the van at the Uptown Swirl event and walking dogs around as “ambassador dogs” to bring attention to the adoption van fund raiser.

Jeana Bellinger considered re-evaluating the dollar amount for each tier of sponsorship. She also recommended that she and Manager Gray look at the naming rights policy for the city which has information about large sponsorships. An example given was the naming of

parks in the city. Jeana also considered increasing the goal amount for the shelter to raise before the city contribution.

Suzanne Callaway asked if people could donate small amounts toward the van. The answer was yes, and the flyer was only regarding large sponsorships. Manager Gray and Jeana Bellinger stated the adoption van fund will be separate from the normal donation fund and people will need to request the money be earmarked for the van specifically when donating. There is still lots of brainstorming to do before sharing information about the van with the community. Manager Gray asked for board members to email her with any ideas regarding promotion of the van funding. Sharon Guelker recommended, once the van is purchased, having it in the parades to show available animals.

Jeana Bellinger stated that she shared the idea and specs of the adoption van with city council and they were supportive.

- **Events**

Since the last advisory board meeting, ACO Elantra Walton gave an educational presentation at Citadel Christian School regarding snake identification and safety. The students enjoyed it and it went well.

There were 7 dog adoptions at the Bluebonnet Festival in April despite having to leave early Sunday due to thunderstorms.

Monday June 15, 2026, from 3:30pm-5:30pm, there will be a Citizen 101 presentation and adoption event at the Nancy Carol Roberts Library. Information about Brenham Animal Services will be shared through a PowerPoint presentation. Dogs and cats will be available for adoption.

This year, Clear the Shelters is the entire month of August and there is not a specific date for the crescendo event across the country. Brenham Animal Services has chosen August 29, 2026, for the main adoption event. Volunteers will be needed.

The shelter has a part-time worker from the Texas Workforce Commission. He will be working on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 5 weeks. This is to help him transition from high school into the workforce.

A shade structure for the Animal Services parking lot has been approved in the budget for FY 2026-2027. This will help keep the vehicles cool in the summer and out of direct sunlight.

The next Animal Services Advisory Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 11:00am.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Megan Gray
Chairman

ATTEST:

Morgan Patton
Staff Liaison

ANIMAL SERVICES STATISTICS
10/1/2025 thru 9/30/2026

SERVICE CALLS/CASES

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
	80	50	45	64	53	65	70	55	57	54	45	

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	41	41	60	33	30	34	63	33	35	36	25		
Cat Intakes	37	28	15	10	19	14	21	55	56	28	47		
TOTAL INTAKES	78	69	75	43	49	48	84	88	91	64	72	0	761
City Intakes	60	20	27	17	26	23	32	57	48	39	47		
Percentage	76.9%	29.0%	36.0%	39.5%	53.1%	49.0%	38.1%	64.8%	52.7%	60.9%	65.3%		
County Intakes	18	47	47	26	23	25	51	31	43	24	25		
Percentage	23.1%	68.1%	62.7%	60.5%	46.9%	51.0%	60.7%	35.2%	47.3%	37.5%	34.7%		
Other Counties	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0		
Percentage	0.0%	2.9%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%		
Overall Outside City	23.1%	71.0%	64.0%	60.5%	46.9%	51.0%	61.9%	35.2%	47.3%	39.1%	34.7%		Average Outside City Limits 48.6%

INTAKE BREAKDOWN												
Stray @ Shelter	40	36	30	28	18	21	32	55	48	21	27	
Stray @ Field	14	6	6	7	8	4	3	8	5	8	6	
Adoption Returns	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Agency Assist	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	2	0	
Landlord Surrenders	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	
Third Party Surrender	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Shelter Quarantine	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Owner Surrenders	16	25	36	8	21	19	47	20	35	33	32	
Born In Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
TOTAL INTAKES	78	69	75	43	49	48	84	88	91	64	72	

SHELTER POPULATION	61	55	63	55	39	34	62	73	85	56	50
IN FOSTER HOMES	9	13	9	10	11	8	12	7	8	8	14

Microchips	10	5	6	10	8	3	27	12	13	10	15
City SNAP Vouchers	2	0	1	6	0	1	2	4	12	3	1
County SNAP Vouchers	0	2	0	2	2	3	6	12	6	6	4
Trap-Neuter-Release	6	9	7	7	14	13	2	TNR paused during summer due to high intake			

ADOPTIONS/TRANSFERS/RECLAIMS

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Dogs Adopted	35	14	35	29	26	22	20	22	20	18	22	
Cats Adopted	47	40	27	13	12	13	18	19	45	56	44	
Transported Out	6	11	5	3	22	12	10	27	5	6	1	
Returned to Owner	9	5	4	3	2	5	3	8	6	8	5	
Other Outcomes	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
TOTAL OUT	97	70	72	48	62	53	51	76	76	88	72	0

NON-LIVE OUTCOMES

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

Save Rate	97.0%
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♥ HELP US TAKE ♥ *Adoptions* ON THE **ROAD!**

More adoptions. More happy tails.
More love in our community!



EVERY PET
DESERVES A
CHANCE AT A
FOREVER HOME.



26 FT
ADOPTION UNIT
= (GAS) =
TWO ROLL-UP DOORS
& TWO 30"
ENTRY/EXIT
SWING DOORS!

♥ SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ♥

TOP DOG SPONSOR



\$50,000

- 🐾 VAN WRAP
- 🐾 PRESS RELEASE RECOGNITION
- 🐾 RECOGNITION AT CLINIC
- 🐾 RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE

Be the face of our mission
and help drive adoptions
across our community!

COOL CAT SPONSOR



\$25,000

- 🐾 SIGNAGE INSIDE THE VAN
- 🐾 PRESS RELEASE RECOGNITION
- 🐾 RECOGNITION AT CLINIC
- 🐾 RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE

Prominent recognition
inside the van and in our
community outreach!

PAW PRINT PARTNER



\$10,000

- 🐾 PRESS RELEASE RECOGNITION
- 🐾 RECOGNITION AT CLINIC
- 🐾 RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE

Show your support and
leave a lasting paw print
on our mission!

BEST FRIEND SPONSOR



\$1,000

- 🐾 PRESS RELEASE RECOGNITION
- 🐾 RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE

Every contribution
helps us save more lives
and create more happy
endings!

ANIMAL LOVER SPONSOR



ANY AMOUNT

- 🐾 THANK YOU NOTE

Every gift makes a
difference. Thank you
for loving animals!

MOBILE ADOPTION UNIT FEATURES

- 🐾 26-Foot Adoption Unit (Gas)
- 🐾 Two Roll-Up Doors
- 🐾 Two 30" Entry/Exit Swing Doors
- 🐾 Climate-Controlled Interior
- 🐾 On-the-Go Adoptions & Outreach
- 🐾 Community Event Participation
- 🐾 More Homes. More Hope.

*Taking adoptions
where the people are!*



OUR GOAL:

≈ \$250,000 ≈



Help us fund the Adoption Van
and fuel a future of hope. ♥

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR?

- 📞 979-337-7351
- ✉ animalservices@cityofbrenham.org
- 🌐 <https://cityofbrenham.online/qr-as-van-fund>

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bring pets and people
together!*

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