



GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

UNITED BOARD OF HEALTH

9850-A.106 Boardroom Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Texas City

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 12:00 pm

CONSENT AGENDA: All items marked with a single asterisk (*) are parts of the consent agenda and require no deliberation by the Animal Advisory Committee. Any Committee member may remove an item from this agenda to be considered separately.
APPEARANCE: A citizen desiring to make comment to the Committee shall submit a written request to the Director by noon on the fifth day preceding the Advisory Committee Meeting. A statement of the nature of the matter to be considered shall accompany the request. The Director shall include the requested appearance on the agenda, and the person shall be heard if he or she appears.
QUORUM: A majority of the members (7) with at least (4) City reps and (1) County rep present shall constitute a quorum

Meeting Called to Order

- Item #1..... Public Comments
- *Item #2..... Agenda
- *Item #3..... Excused Absence(s)
- Item #4..... Director of Animal Services Report
- Item #5 **ACTION**Consider for Approval 2026 Quarterly Financial Report
- Item #6 **ACTION**Discuss FY27 Budget Process
- Item #7..... ARC Strategic Plan Redevelopment Planning Discussion
- Item #8..... Comparative Data Summary (2026-2025) (Intake and Dispositions)
- Item #9..... Update from Animal Services Advisory Committee Members

Adjournment

At the discretion of the Advisory Committee Chair, persons who have not submitted written request may be permitted to comment on posted agenda item (s) (limit three (3) minutes per person). In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act the Animal Advisory Committee may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed and personnel matters should be addressed to the Animal Services Manager during normal business hours.

MEMBERS MAY BE REACHED DURING THE MEETING AT 409-938-2288
ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION SHOULD CONTACT
AMANDA WOLFF AT (409) 938-2273 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.



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**Animal Services Advisory Committee
April 2026
Item #1
Public Comments**



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Animal Services Advisory Committee

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Item #2

Agenda



GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Protecting and promoting the One Health of Galveston County.

Record of No Quorum / Informal Discussion for Animal Services Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: 9850-A.106 Boardroom Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Texas City

Members Present:

- James Osteen
- Abel Garza
- Patty Walker
- Rudy Zepeda
- Yvonne Downs
- Lark Tedesco
- Terri Byrd

Statement:

A quorum of the board was not present; therefore, no official meeting was convened and no action was taken.

Discussion Summary:

Members briefly discussed the following informational topics but took no action:

- Director's Report
- Overview of Financials
- Reviewed Comparative Data Summary (2025-2024) (Intake and Disposition)

Adjournment:

The gathering concluded at 12:46 PM.



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Item #3

Excused Absences



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**Animal Services Advisory Committee
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Item #4
Director of Animal Services Report**

Animal Services Report

April 2026

- 1) Vacancies:
 - 2 Full-Time Animal Care Technician
 - 1 Veterinarian Technician
 - 1 Rescue/Foster Coordinator
 - 2 Animal Control Officer

GCHD Vacancies are posted at:

GCHD's website: <https://www.gchd.org/about-us/career-opportunities>

The Work Source (TWC): <https://www.twc.texas.gov/>

ZipRecruiter: <https://www.ziprecruiter.com>

National Labor exchange: <https://usnlx.com/> Indeed: <https://www.indeed.com/>

Surrounding Community Colleges: College of the Mainland <https://com-csm.symplicity.com/>

Alvin Community College <https://alvincollege.lightcastcc.com/>

Social Media: Facebook, Instagram

- 2) Rabies Cases:
 - There have been 0 reported positive cases of Rabies.
- 3) Events/ Programs
 - a. **Adoption Specials:** From January through April, the ARC has consistently hosted adoption specials for puppies and adult dogs. These specials were offered monthly, to encourage adoptions and reduce shelter capacity.
 - b. **Volunteer & Service Projects:** Topgolf team members and Amandole Dayhab Center consistently volunteered their time to help clean kennels, walk dogs, bathe animals, and prepare donation bags, offering valuable hands-on support while strengthening community connection.
 - c. **Festivals & Public Outreach:** The ARC participated in several community outreach events, including the Kemah Boardwalk Adoption Event, Kemah Farmers Market, Pawtopia Adoption Event, Farm Bash Adoption Event, Pet Palooza, and 409 Day in Texas City. These events increased community visibility, promoted animal welfare, and helped connect adoptable pets with potential families.
- 4) Media Releases
 - a. **Public Awareness & Safety Messaging:** The ARC shared public awareness posts to keep the community informed on important animal health and service topics, including updates on Avian Influenza. These communications helped educate the public while ensuring transparency and access to essential resources.
 - b. **Collaborative Efforts:** The ARC worked closely with local and county law enforcement agencies to ensure animal health and safety within the community. On April 14 2026,

the ARC assisted in executing a seizure warrant, resulting in the intake of several animals, including dogs, chickens, goats, pigs, and snakes. These efforts highlight the ARC's commitment to public safety, animal welfare, and effective interagency collaboration.

- c. **Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics:** The ARC consistently hosted affordable vaccine clinics, partnering with Bulletin Board and Daily News to promote them. These clinics ran nearly every month, providing vital care access for pet owners. Upcoming April vaccine clinic dates are 4/22 and 4/29.
 - d. **d. Adoption & Foster Programs:** The ARC consistently shared posts featuring adoptable animals, highlighted long-term residents, and emphasized the ongoing need for fosters and transport volunteers. These efforts help expand support for shelter pets and increase live-release outcomes. In February, the ARC promoted the "Blind Date with a Dog" event in the spirit of Valentine's Day, an interactive event based on our Borrow-A-Dog program where community members randomly selected a dog to take out of the shelter for the day. The event received positive feedback, with participants expressing strong enjoyment and engagement, while also providing enrichment and stress relief for the animals. In March, the ARC launched a St. Patrick's Day-themed adoption campaign focused on achieving 50 adoptions by March 31st. The campaign encouraged community participation through adoption, sharing adoptable pets, and highlighting long-stay animals in need of a "lucky break," helping to increase visibility and support for shelter pets throughout the month.
 - e. **Volunteer Recruitment:** The ARC posted weekly to highlight the ongoing need for volunteers, including general helpers, encouraging community members to get involved and assist shelter operations.
 - f. **Community Engagement:** In the spirit of Easter, the ARC launched its April outreach initiative, "The Great Easter Egg Hunt," focused on increasing community involvement and driving adoptions during the spring season. Building on the 31 adoptions achieved in March, the shelter continues its goal of 50 total adoptions, with 19 animals still waiting to find their forever homes. To support this effort, a special adoption promotion of \$10 dog adoptions was offered through April 8th, encouraging the community to participate in saving lives and helping "fill the Easter basket" through increased engagement and adoption awareness.
- 5) Live Release Programs
- a) Heal A Heart Program
 - b) Sponsor A Heart Program
 - c) Senior Animal Program – Supported by Bingo funds
 - d) Black Animal Program – Supported by Bingo funds
 - e) Pets of the Week: Offered for half price
 - f) Pre - Altered Pets (altered upon intake): Offered for half price
 - g) Working Cat Program – Non-social / Semi social cats
 - h) Borrow A Dog Program
 - i) Intake Diversion

- 6) From January- April, the ARC partnered with the Houston Humane Society where we provided 6,152 lbs of pet food, served 148 households, and 714 pets within our community.
- 7) The ARC extends heartfelt thanks to the Robyn B Estate for their generous \$15,000 donation in support of the shelter's mission. These funds have been allocated to the general fund as well as the Heal A Heart program, which provides critical medical care for animals in our care, helping ensure they receive the treatment and support needed on their path to recovery and adoption.
- 8) We continue to increase our rescue partnerships and strive to increase our live release outcomes. Since Jan 1st we have had 168 transferred into rescue. In addition to increasing our live release rates, we post "Stray of the day" on Facebook and Instagram to bring exposure to animals found as strays.
- 9) We continue to work with non-profit organizations for assistance in sponsoring services for ARC pets. Best Friends, Animal Alliance, and SNIP.
- 10) We continue to make efforts with assisting with owner surrender intervention and rehoming, lost and found pets, and posting impounded animals via social media daily. Since Jan 1st, we provided rehoming resources to 89 citizens, 158 animals, and kept 157 animals out of the shelter. We also provide assistance to citizens with resources to retain their pets; social media posts looking for fencing fixtures, kennels, and doghouses.
- 11) The ARC would like to thank the Boot Kickers Bingo Charity Fund/Animal Alliance for the use of funds to support the discounted adoption programs; bingo black, at risk, and senior adoptions.
- 12) We are continuing to report all ARC building maintenance needs to county maintenance for the upkeep of the ARC.
- 13) To keep up with the ARC and all of our events, adoption specials, and locations, please follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for current updates. #follow, # like, #share, all of our posts! Thank you!!



GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Animal Services Advisory Committee

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Item #5

Consider for Approval 2026 Quarterly Financial Report

Galveston County Health District

Revenue and Expense - Animal Services

Period Ending: 10/01/25 - 03/31/26 (06 Months)



					Animal Services	
	Shelter	Clinic	Field	Donations	10/01/25 -	Budget
	Operations		Operations		03/31/2026	FY26
Contractual						
Temporary Staffing	13,016.03	-	-	-	13,016.03	15,000.00
Neuter / Spay Contract	10,206.04	-	-	-	10,206.04	24,500.00
Veterinarian Contract	9,000.00	3,304.62	-	-	12,304.62	26,400.00
Misc Contract Services	86.86	571.41	-	-	658.27	1,500.00
Total Contractual Expenses	\$ 32,308.93	\$ 3,876.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,184.96	\$ 67,400.00
Other						
Training	389.87	-	200.00	-	589.87	1,000.00
Rentals	4,559.18	-	-	-	4,559.18	3,246.99
Leases	105,706.35	-	-	-	105,706.35	199,699.00
Telecommunications	4,973.35	-	1,989.20	-	6,962.55	12,000.00
Administrative Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Carcass Removal	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Maint/Repair, Auto	-	-	2,379.51	-	2,379.51	5,000.00
Maint/ Repair, Bldg.	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Maint/Repair, Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	2,500.00
Maint/Repair, Preventative Auto	-	-	1,012.07	-	1,012.07	2,500.00
Fuel	-	-	7,175.43	-	7,175.43	13,650.00
Insurance, Auto/Truck	-	-	4,705.40	-	4,705.40	4,200.00
Insurance, General Liability	-	-	-	-	-	350.00
Insurance, Bldg. / Contents	-	-	-	-	-	3,800.00
Postage	47.81	-	41.28	-	89.09	150.00
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
IT Software, Licenses, Intangibles	696.00	-	-	-	696.00	7,796.94
Association Dues	-	-	150.00	-	150.00	200.00
Service Charge - Credit Cards & Bank	822.46	-	-	-	822.46	1,750.00
Bad Debt Expense	15.00	-	-	-	15.00	2,531.82
Freight/shipping Charges	198.23	-	-	-	198.23	-
Cashier Over/Short	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Expenses	\$ 117,408.25	\$ -	\$ 17,652.89	\$ -	\$ 135,061.14	\$ 261,874.75
Total Expenses	\$ 522,147.20	\$ 4,774.28	\$ 197,193.85	\$ -	\$ 724,115.33	\$ 2,098,874.51
Total Revenue over Expenses	\$ 317,160.93	\$ 5,837.64	\$ (26,882.05)	\$ 21,449.09	\$ 317,565.61	\$ -



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Item #6
Discuss FY27 Budget Process**



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Item #7

ARC Strategic Plan Redevelopment Planning Discussion



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Item #8

Comparative Data Summary (2026-2025)

(Intake and Dispositions)



Animal Services Division

Animal Resource Center - March Monthly Report by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Incoming Animals		Outgoing Animals-Disposition Method										
	Incoming Field	Incoming Shelter	Adoptions	Foster	Rescued by Group	Returned to Owner	Escaped	Euthanized	Euthanasia Request by Owner	Disposal Request by Owner	Quarantine Return	Died in Care	Wildlife
Bayou Vista	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Clear Lake Shore	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dickinson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hitchcock	3	1	4	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Kemah	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
La Marque	28	3	2	2	5	8	0	2	0	4	0	1	0
Santa Fe	7	4	0	0	2	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Texas City	124	22	16	6	15	18	0	34	0	34	0	2	0
Tiki Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unincorporated	55	23	9	2	17	17	0	10	0	7	0	1	0
Totals	220	53	31	10	39	51	0	51	0	48	0	5	0
Report Total:	273		Report Total:	235									
Chameleom Total:	273		Chameleom Total:	235									
Variance			Variance	TRUE									

1
1
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10
1
24
10
125
0
63

Euthanasia Breakdown

Jurisdiction	Aggressive			Behavior Issue			Health Condition			Illness			Injured			Time/Space			Feral Cat	Private Cremation		
	Dog	Cat	Other	Dog	Cat	Other	Dog	Cat	Other	Dog	Cat	Other	Dog	Cat	Other	Dog	Cat	Other	Cat Only	Dog	Cat	Other
Bayou Vista	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clear Lake Shore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dickinson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hitchcock	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kemah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Marque	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Fe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas City	2	0	0	8	0	0	5	0	2	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Tiki Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unincorporated	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0	0	13	0	0	6	0	3	4	4	1	0	3	4	0	0	10	0	0	0	0

Euthanasia Totals	
Dogs	26
Cats	17
Other	8
Grand Total	51

ACO Activities with Reasons

Total Activities:

#REF!

Jurisdiction	Calls Received	Avg Response Time	Asst. Law Enforcement	Bite Reports	Contained by Citizen or Trap	Court	Other	Sick / Injured	Stray	Transport	Trap Drop off/Pick up	Unrestrain/Property	Welfare Check or Neglect	Wildlife Assist
Bayou Vista	0	0:24:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clear Lake Shore	0	0:55:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dickinson	0	1:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hitchcock	0	0:28	0	3	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	5	0
Kemah	0	0:27	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	3
La Marque	0	0:33:00	3	11	0	0	0	0	86	1	0	0	12	8
Santa Fe	0	0:26	2	6	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	6	1
Texas City	0	0:03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tiki Island	0	0:46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unincorporated	0	1:06	7	6	0	0	0	0	167	0	1	0	#REF!	16
Totals	0	0:40	12	26	0	0	0	0	300	2	2	0	#REF!	31
Report Total:	0													
Chameleom Total:	0													
Variance														

Additional Information

Jurisdiction	Quarantines	Citations Issued	Notices Issued	Registration
Bayou Vista	0	0	0	0
Clear Lake Shore	0	0	0	0
Dickinson	0	0	0	0
Hitchcock	0	0	0	0
Kemah	0	0	0	0
La Marque	0	0	0	0
Santa Fe	0	0	0	0
Texas City	0	0	0	0
Tiki Island	0	0	0	0
Unincorporated	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

Notes:
Physical Count of animals at ARC on 03/31/2026: 166
Kennel Cages: 150



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Item #9

Update from Animal Services Advisory Committee Members