

JAS Shelter

Current and Projected Needs

Population Growth

The City of Joshua is experiencing rapid growth, with an estimated population of 9,300–9,700 in early 2026 and an annual growth rate of 2.6–3.2%. Proximity to the Chisholm Trail Parkway and ongoing suburban development are key drivers. Projections indicate the population will exceed 18,000 by 2030.

Current Shelter

The existing facility is approximately 2,800 sq. ft. dedicated to Animal Services operations, including staff workspaces, animal housing, food preparation, laundry, and bite quarantine.

The shelter is outdated and lacks essential functionality, such as:

- Formal pet assessment and public intake areas
- Employee breakroom
- Isolation spaces for sick or injured animals
- Focused work areas for officers

Animal Services managed 771 stray or surrendered pets 24-25 fiscal year—8.2% of the city’s population. With a 4-year average of 595 pets serviced with an average length of stay of 25 days. Daily occupancy averages 40 animals, occasionally exceeding 60.

Recommended housing capacity based on industry standards:

Category	Average housed	Standard X1.25	2030 Projection	Current Shelter
Dog Kennels	16	20	25	16
Cat Housing	33	41	48	36

Projected Needs

Planning for projected growth to 18,000 residents by 2030 requires expanded capacity and improved functionality.

Projected Requirements:

Inside Facility - General Population

- 36 Dog Kennels (to accommodate either small or large dogs)
- 52 Cat Housing

Quarantine

- 4 Dog Kennels
- 9 Small Animal Housing

Intake/Assessment

- 2 Dog Kennels
- 6 Small Animal Housing

Isolation

- 4 Dog Kennels
- 9 Small Animal Housing

Support Areas

- Officer workspaces
- Manager's office
- Reception
- Employee breakroom
- Public and staff restrooms with lockers
- Animal visitation areas
- Sallyport and general work area
- Multiple storage rooms
- Food prep and dishwashing area
- Laundry and grooming space
- Veterinary/euthanasia room

Outdoor Areas

- 24 Outdoor dog Kennels
- 2 Canine play yards
- 1 Dog visitation yard
- 1 Large two-space catio
- 1 Courtyard