

City Manager

From: Brad Caudle
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 2:50 PM
To: David Jordan; Kaydi Smith
Cc: Jessica Bailey; Rodger Larsen
Subject: FW: 2025 Shelter Inspection - Sweeny
Attachments: 2025_0619_ShelterInspection.pdf

This is the most recent pound inspection form along with an email received from DSHS.

Sincerely,

Brad Caudle
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Sweeny Police Department
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From: Rodger Larsen <rlarsen@sweenytx.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 1:15 PM
To: Brad Caudle <bbcaudle@sweenytx.gov>
Subject: Fw: 2025 Shelter Inspection - Sweeny

From: Singletary, Brittany (DSHS) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:11 AM
To: Rodger Larsen <rlarsen@sweenytx.gov>
Subject: 2025 Shelter Inspection - Sweeny

Hi Rodger,

Attached is the completed shelter inspection for the City of Sweeny Animal Pound.

Here are some things of note regarding your inspection:

Question #11 – Advisory Committee

Your facility is in a county with a population greater than 75,000 which means the advisory committee requirement is applicable and required, the governing body of the city or county in which your shelter is located (Brazoria) is required to establish an advisory committee to assist in maintaining with Chapter 823, Section 823.005, of the Texas Health and Safety Code. You may want to reach out to the county animal shelter in your area; as stated in the law, the governing body of the city or **county** in which

your shelter is located is required to establish an advisory committee to assist you in maintaining with Chapter 823, Section 823.005, of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Since your municipality has yet to establish or maintain an advisory committee you can become part of the county shelter advisory committee. A simple way to learn who is on the county's committee is to contact the county animal shelter and/or animal control officers and organize a meeting, which I suggest you do, as an advisory committee can be a valuable resource.

As stated in Section 823.005 of Title 10 of the Texas Health and Safety Code:

“(a) The governing body of a county or municipality in which an animal shelter is located shall appoint an advisory committee to assist in complying with the requirements of this chapter.

(b) The advisory committee must be composed of at least one licensed veterinarian, one county or municipal official, one person whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter, and one representative from an animal welfare organization.

(c) The advisory committee shall meet at least three times a year.”

Here is the link to the law, along with section regarding the animal advisory committee.

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/LIDS-Zoonosis/ACO/823law21.pdf>

Section 823.005. Advisory Committee. (a) The governing body of a county or municipality in which an animal shelter is located shall appoint an advisory committee to assist in complying with the requirements of this chapter. (b) The advisory committee must be composed of at least one licensed veterinarian, one county or municipal official, one person whose duties include the daily operation of an animal shelter, and one representative from an animal welfare organization. (c) The advisory committee shall meet at least three times a year.

The only way it does not apply, is if the county meets any of the exemptions that are listed in 823.002

Section 823.002. Exemption for Certain Counties, Clinics, and Facilities. This chapter does not apply to: (1) a county having a population of less than 75,000; (2) a veterinary medicine clinic; or (3) a livestock commission facility.

Question #36 Pest Control

169.26

A regular program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and other pests shall be established and maintained. The facility shall be free of visible signs of rodents and keep other vermin infestations to a minimum at all times. Each pesticide must be used in accordance with its manufacturer's label instructions.

Please address the corrective measures necessary to maintain minimum standards for your facility.

Please insure to maintain a copy for public display as well as for your records.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

Brittany Singletary
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<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/Region6-5/Zoonosis.aspx> - regional webpage

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/health/zoonosis/> - state website

