



## Benji's Animal Adoption Barn (BAAB)

**Reporting Period:** April 2026

**To:** David Jordan, City of Sweeny Manager

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**Subject:** Monthly Update

April's focus continued the emergency response work initiated in March, with ongoing veterinary care, foster support, and responsible expense management under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and BAAB. BAAB remains committed to humane outcomes, fiscal responsibility, and transparent reporting.

### **Emergency Response Update – High School Construction Site Puppies**

BAAB continues to support the five neonatal puppies that were dumped at the high school construction site in March and placed into emergency foster care immediately after receiving Animal Control Officer Roger's call.

Regrettably, one of the five puppies passed away during April. After extensive consultation with Marsh Veterinary Clinic, all of the puppies are showing signs of neurological problems.

Each foster has committed to adopting the puppy in their care. Moving forward, BAAB's financial responsibility for these puppies will be limited to spay/neuter, vaccinations, and microchipping. All other ongoing care will be assumed by the adoptive foster families.

### **April Expense Summary**

The following expenses were incurred by BAAB during the April reporting period in connection with the emergency foster puppies:

- Foster supplies (formula, bottles, puppy pads, neonatal care items): \$289.57
- Veterinary charges (Marsh Veterinary Clinic): \$268.15

Total April BAAB expenses for the emergency foster puppies: \$557.72. All expenses remain within BAAB's nonprofit budget; no City funds were used.

### **Veterinary Coordination**

BAAB continues to coordinate spay/neuter services, vaccinations, and microchipping through Marsh Veterinary Clinic. Only animals that have been medically vetted through BAAB's established process are eligible for formal transfer, adoption support, or placement through partner networks.

Additionally, Lacy was transported to Marsh Veterinary Clinic during April to be spayed; however, the procedure could not be performed due to a false pregnancy. As of April 30, she has not yet been rescheduled.

## **Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) & Citizen Call Referrals**

BAAB continues to receive calls from citizens regarding stray cats, kittens, dog welfare concerns, and other animal-related matters. Public demand for structured Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) solutions remains steady.

To ensure proper jurisdictional handling and consistency with the MOU, BAAB Board Members have been instructed to refer all citizen calls regarding kittens, cats, and dog welfare directly to the City of Sweeny. This protocol supports clear operational boundaries between BAAB and Animal Control and ensures that all incoming concerns are routed through the appropriate municipal channel.

BAAB remains willing to support humane population control efforts within nonprofit budget capacity; however, ordinance alignment continues to be important to ensure city policy supports practical implementation and consistency with current state law and best practices.

## **Commitment to Partnership**

BAAB remains committed to:

- Humane treatment
- Medical accountability
- Fiscal stewardship
- Governance compliance
- Clear operational boundaries
- Strong municipal collaboration

We appreciate the City's continued partnership and welcome continued discussion to ensure alignment in messaging, procedure, emergency response, and long-term animal services strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

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