

Animal Control Officers

Animal Control Officers are frequently called to handle vicious animal complaints, cruelty cases, injured animals, barking dogs, abandoned pets, and many other types of cases in which an animal needs help.

Animal cruelty cases are investigated by the San Benito Police Department, they can be reached at 956-361-3880.



An Animal Control Officer is allowed to enter upon any premises upon which such dog or cat is reported or believed to be kept.

No person shall interfere or attempt to release any animal in the custody of any Animal Control or Police Officer!

As per Texas Penal Code 38.15 and City Ord. 2418

MISSION STATEMENT
Promote responsible pet ownership through education and enforcement of the City of San Benito Animal Control Ordinance.



For more information contact us at:

**City of San Benito
Animal Control Division
400 N. Travis St.
956-361-3804 Ext. 403**



ANIMAL CONTROL



What All Residents Should Know

No animal shall run-at-large within the city limits, keeping the same on a leash at all times, in reasonable control and in a non-aggressive stature.

▶ Any dog which is not on it's owners property and not on a leash will be picked up.

▶ A citation may be issued to the pet owner requiring a fine to be paid.

As per City Ord. Sec. 2.01.008

LIMIT # OF PETS

▶ No more than three (3) dogs or cats total per single household.

As per City Ord.. Sec. 2.01.009 (a)



FOOD AND SHELTER

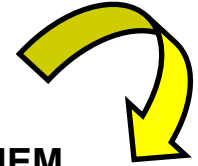
All dogs and cats should given adequate food, water & shelter. Adequate shelter is defined as an enclosure of at least three (3) sides, a roof and a floor. The enclosure needs to be ventilated and must have sufficient room for the animal to move around and lie down freely.

NOT ADEQUATE SHELTER

- inside or under vehicles;
- inside metal, plastic or cardboard boxes; or
- rooms, sheds or other buildings without windows or proper ventilation.



One misconception that Animal Control Officers battle every day is that all the animals they take into custody will be euthanized. The Animal Control Officers make every effort to find an animal's owner before they take it to the shelter, and they also work closely with rescue groups that attempt to find homes for the many animals they pick up each day.



**IF YOU LOVE THEM...
LICENSE THEM.**



The City of San Benito requires all dogs & cats, 4 months & older, to be registered with the city every year

& with **current vaccinations** as required by state law.

As per City Ord. Sec. 2.01.015 & Sec. 2.03.002



▶ Livestock or fowl is prohibited within the city limits of San Benito, **UNLESS**, the area is zoned Agricultural Open Space.