THE VILLAGE FOR ANIMAL FRIENDS MASTER PLAN



3901 Highway 36 North, Brenham, Texas

A Village for Animal Friends will bring benefit to animals, but even greater benefit to people.

ANIMALS ARE GOOD FOR PEOPLE

Animal Friends of Washington County 3901 Highway 36 North Brenham, Texas 77833

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I. Animal Friends of Washington County

A. Mission Statement

- 1. To prevent the birth of unwanted animals. (See Appendix A.)
- 2. To provide shelter and loving care for abandoned and abused animals.
- 3. To seek good homes for these animals.
- 4. To educate and raise awareness of the benefits and fun of animal companionship.
- 5. To facilitate pet owners to interact with their pets and with other pet owners.

B. Goals

- 1. To provide a facility that will offer low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter.
- 2. To provide a facility to house unwanted, abused and abandoned animals and will facilitate the adoption of these animals.
- 3. To provide a place that will serve as a resource, training and information center on all aspects of animal welfare and care.
- 4. To provide a setting for people and their pets to play in a safe, pleasant environment.

B. History

Animal Friends of Washington County (Animal Friends), Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt Corporation that was established with the limited mission of raising money and providing volunteers for the Donald G. Austin Animal Shelter and the Craig C. Cantey Adoption Center in the City of Brenham. Both of these organizations fall under the umbrella of Brenham Humane Services. The Shelter and Adoption Center serve all of Washington County. Over 90% of the homeless animals in this County that are fortunate to find some care will find their way to this Shelter.

The first meeting was held in November 2003. Early on, Animal Friends provided the Shelter and Adoption Center with fencing, supplies and equipment, including an enclosed 16-foot, 3-door trailer used for mobile adoption events and also enabeled the Shelter to pick up pallets of donated food. A small fund for emergency veterinary assistance for shelter animals and limited monies for spay/neuter have been made available.

Animal Friends sponsors mobile adoption programs at events such as the Bluebonnet and Scarecrow Festivals in Chappell Hill, the Cotton Gin Festival in Burton, and the Poinsettia Celebration in Brenham. During the past year on the second and third Saturday of most months animals were brought to Hermann Furniture store in Brenham for off-site adoptions. Animals are invited to Black Tie events. Activities which promote interaction between pets and their people such as Mutt Strutts, a Fall Pet Festival and a Pet Parade at The Annual Spring Garden Show are organized and sponsored. Volunteers go to the Shelter and socialize and bath the animals.

Animal Friends aids the Brenham Shelter in its mission to educate the community about responsible animal care and the benefits to individuals of the human/animal bond. KindNews, an animal-oriented newspaper, is provided to all Washington County schoolchildren, pre-K through sixth grade. Seminars have been conducted at the Boys and Girls Club, the Nancy Carol Roberts Library in Brenham and at Germania Insurance.

Realizing that there was a need for low-cost spay/neuter, Animal Friends planned for a spay/neuter clinic to serve Washington County. In August of 2006, Animal Friends invited a few local groups to a meeting to assess animal care needs in the region. Surprisingly, twenty-four (24) different groups representing eleven counties participated. With that unexpected amount of interest, plans changed. It became clear that a regional clinic was needed to serve all of these counties and maybe a few more.

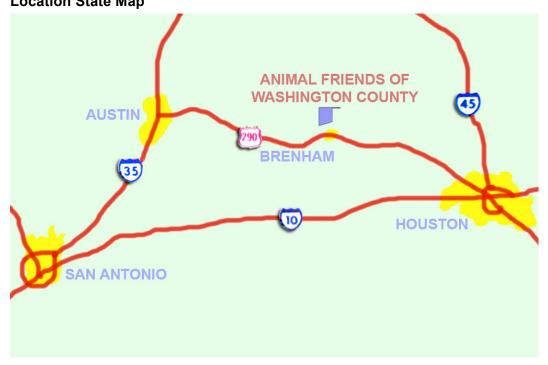
Along with a local contribution and a gift of \$75,000 from the Houston Endowment Animal Friends purchased forty-two and a half acres of land in December 2006. This will become "The Village for Animal Friends". (See Appendices B and C.)

II. Needs Assessment

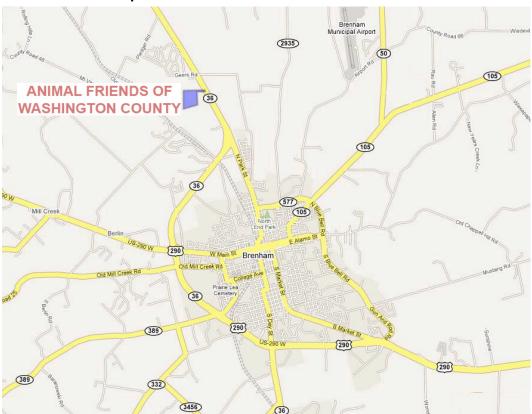
A. Design Goals and Objectives

- 1. Provide an animal-oriented Village that is safe and healthy for the animals, staff, volunteers and the public, including senior citizens.
- 2. Create an enjoyable and appropriate work environment for the Village's staff and volunteers to serve effectively and efficiently.
- Locate the public parts of the Village near the front to be visible and accessible. Conversely, visually and physically screen the "back stage" functions of the Village. This will reduce staff and volunteer interruptions, promote safety and will ensure positive visitor experiences.
- 4. Effectively utilize the trees, contours and water of the 42½ acre pastoral site.
- 5. Provide indoor and outdoor spaces for supervised interaction with adoptable animals and interaction with dogs and their owners.
- 6. Become a model for animal welfare and care.
- Exhibit financial responsibility by building each village component only when its
 viable future can be assured by either endowment and/or contracts with government
 entities.

B. Village Site Location State Map



Location Local Map



Overview

Animal Friends owns outright the forty-two and one half acres of land. Five acres of the site is defined as buildable area according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood plain map. This is the area next to the panhandle in the northeast corner of the property.

One of the appealing physical features of the site is its east-west contours, thus allowing most buildings to be oriented so their long exposure faces north and south. This building orientation is most advantageous from an energy consumption standpoint because in the southwestern United States it is beneficial to have a small exposure to the west, thus minimizing the low setting sun. In this part of the country, the prevailing breeze in the summer is from the south.

Utilities and other services

Electricity and telephone services are available from existing lines along Highway 36. Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative has three-phase overhead service available. There is no natural gas or water utility available.

A deep well will be drilled for The Village's water needs and may be supplemented by water from the Northeast Washington County Water District. Sewer service will be provided from a link to an existing system with the nearby Oak Hill subdivision.

Trash collection will be provided by a private service. Medical waste will be consolidated for easy pick up.

Road, Parking Areas, Pal Park, Bridge and Hiking Trails

The roadway will extend from the building area farther south and west into the flood plain area for additional parking and access the hiking trails and fenced dog parks.

The parking areas should be conveniently located next to the area with the highest usage. The roadway will double as parking lot driveways. The typical building code guideline of one parking space for each 250 square feet of building should be followed to properly size the parking areas. Temporary overflow parking areas will be located in the flood plain.

Accessible parking for cars and vans should be provided along with accommodations for school buses near the Education Building. The Clinic will need special parking and loading areas to accommodate vans bringing animals from surrounding counties.

It would be preferable to provide two separate parking lots at the Shelter: one open lot for public and staff personal vehicles, and the other a closed and secured lot for agency vehicles. The secured area can serve as a service yard to hide unsightly necessities like horse trailers, a screened trash area and the disposal of dead animals.

The Pal Park will allow dog owners to have play areas for their dogs without a leash. One large area for bigger dogs over 20 pounds and a smaller one for dogs less than 20 pounds should be provided.

A pedestrian bridge will be necessary to provide access to the hiking trails in the southwestern part of the property and across Big Sandy Creek. South and west of the creek is the most natural and un-improved part of the property.

C. Village Buildings

Exterior Considerations

The primary exterior concerns for this building type include:

- 1. Material selection should be durable and as maintenance free as possible.
- 2. Materials should be energy efficient in the harsh Texas weather.
- 3. Design should be non-institutional looking.
- 4. Public entrance should be obvious and supplemented by signage.
- 5. Ease of expansion should be considered while designing.
- 6. Sufficient land has been left behind the Shelter for the animals to have adequate runs.

The design of the building(s) should acknowledge the regional need for shading devices to block the intense sun. Roof overhangs can be extended past building's perimeter walls to reduce heat gain and thus save on energy required to cool the buildings. Outside doors should be beneath a roof or ceiling to protect the head of the doors from water penetration. The glass of the windows and doors should be insulated, low-e (low emissivity glass) with ample protection from heat gain.

Interior Considerations

The primary interior concerns for the animal care building type include:

- 1. Create appealing public areas.
- 2. Water proofing and extra drains in hose down areas.
- 3. Sound attenuation particularly in canine habitats.
- 4. As much natural light as possible in all areas (except in the Clinic).
- 5. Create a design that is efficient for staff duties and tasks.

By using transparent glass as often as possible in the facility, a feeling of openness and spaciousness will be created (except in the Clinic). Projections and partitions that impede circulation should be avoided as much as possible. Special attention should be given to the utilization of durable building materials requiring a minimum of maintenance.

Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Telecommunications and Internet

Mechanical

Maintainability and reliability will be a major concern in the mechanical system design. The design and installation for all mechanical equipment and components shall allow for ease of removal and replacement, including major equipment such as chillers, boilers, air handlers, and pumps.

Electrical

Electrical outlets should be provided throughout the building for cleaning, maintenance, computers, appliances, projectors, microwave, etc. All lines will be buried.

The design objective for night time site lighting will focus on optimizing the use of light in the five characteristic areas associated with lighting the site; Roadway, Parking, Pedestrian Access, Security and Façade/Architectural lighting. Specific criteria as outlined in IESNA RP-33 "Recommended Practice for Lighting Exterior Areas" will be adhered to. Optical systems in the first three categories will be chosen to minimize light trespass from the building site as well as offer minimal contribution to light pollution "sky glow". The design goal will be zero direct beam illuminance from the developed site. Fixturing for the façade and architectural feature lighting will be minimized to reduce The Village's effect on the nocturnal environment but will be provided to enhance recognition of the buildings. Security lighting will be primarily building mounted but will be designed to enhance facial recognition as well as provide enough illumination for video surveillance cameras.

There will be exterior lighting at the outside grounds, and signs and parking areas will be illuminated for safety at night and to discourage vandalism. This lighting should be equipped with a timer to match the facility's service hours and should be of such intensity to make the building its own advertisement at night.

Plumbing

The Village will have a great need to dispose of animal waste. Kennels will have individual drains and most animal care areas will have floor drains. Several flush sinks will be necessary to properly dispose of fecal matter. Medical waste will be physically removed from the property.

Telecommunications and Internet Access

Telecommunications pathways and internet access will be designed to support the physical needs of the Village with outlets in the Clinic, Animal Shelter and Educational Building.

Building Codes

While the Animal Friends site is not within Brenham City limits and does not have to be permitted or inspected during construction, the most current conventional building codes should be followed to protect the life, health and welfare of the staff, volunteers and visitors. Each building project exceeding \$50,000 in construction cost will have to be submitted to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for Texas Accessibility Standards review and approval. The Adoption Center will have to have its plans reviewed by the State Department of Health Services if quarantine habitats are provided. (See Appendix D.)

The following is a list of codes the Village will comply with:

2003 International Building Code

2003 International Fire Code

2003 International Mechanical Code

2003 International Plumbing Code

2003 International Fuel Gas Code

2003 International Energy Conservation Code

2005 National Electric Code

The Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS)

Department of State Health Services Plan Review

Security

An electronic gate may be provided at the entrance to the Village Loop Road and will be open during regular business hours.

Surveillance cameras will be provided so the public can be monitored. Security systems will also be installed.

Safety

Sprinkler systems are planned for most Village buildings. This fire safety feature will allow more generous code-compliant corridor lengths and reduce fire insurance premiums besides providing safer habitats for the 24/7 animal residents.

III. The Village Master Plan

A. Overview

A four-phase concept to ultimately provide a complete animal-oriented facility that is intended to become a model for the State of Texas.

The expectation is that at the completion of each phase or at the latest before the beginning of the next, the Master Plan will be reviewed and if necessary, updated. Keeping the Master Plan current will ensure that changing needs and budgets will continue to be met.

Phase 1 - Completed June 2008

Development of infrastructure -- well, sewer line and pump, electrical; construction of panhandle road; construction of 1st phase of roadway; construction of Clinic. Infrastructure work to be done during summer of 2007, and Clinic to be constructed to open in late fall of 2007. (See Appendix E.)

Phase 2

The first extension of the roadway and parking; two dog parks each with their own pond; three 120 square foot open air shelters for outdoor shaded seating; 3,600 feet of hiking trails and access bridges: one pedestrian and one vehicular; a 1,000 square foot open air and covered training center.

Phase 3

Final extension of the roadway to complete the loop; 12,000 square foot Animal Shelter and 1,000 square foot Farm and Horse Shelter to serve the City of Brenham and Washington County; a 3,000 square foot Education Building that may be attached to the shelter. Support and cooperation will be needed from the City of Brenham and/or Washington County for the successful completion of this phase.

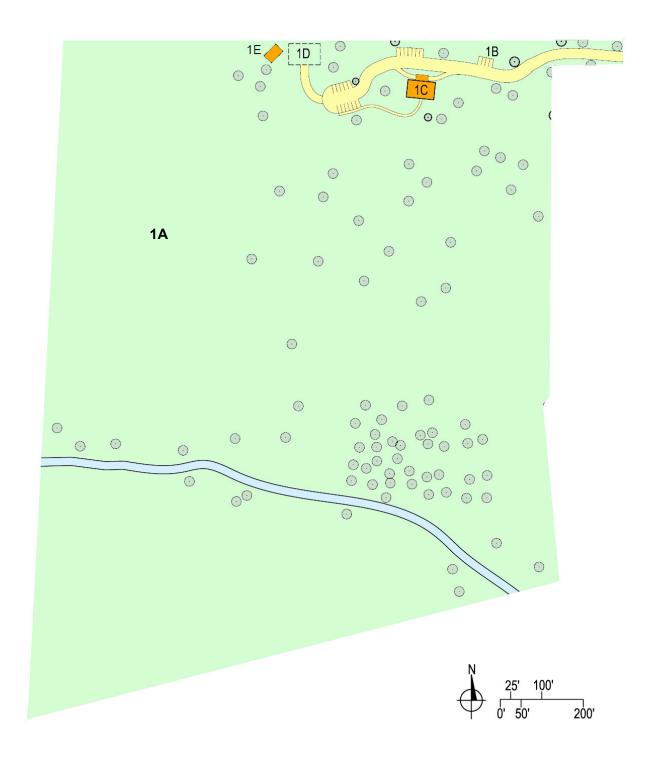
Phase 4

Development of other pet related facilities including but not limited to the Bandstand and a Café/Soda Shoppe.

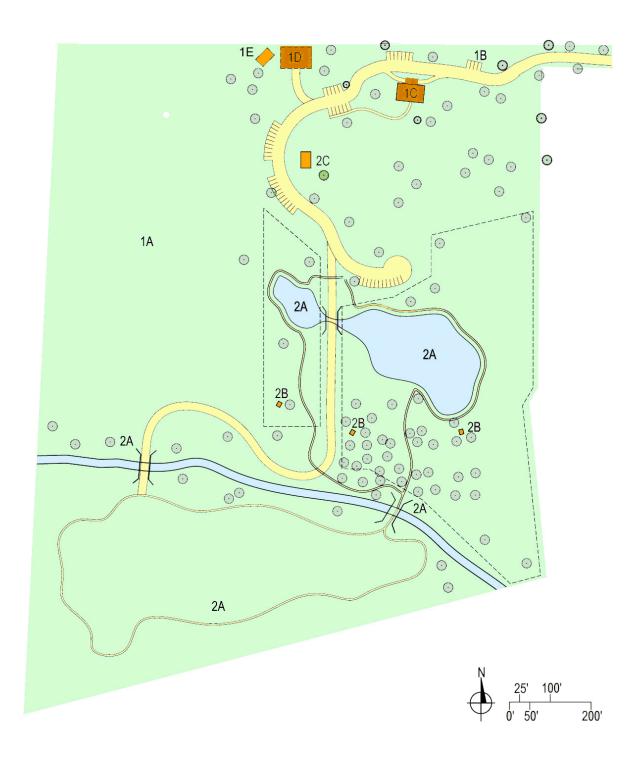
VILLAGE SITE PLAN LEGEND

- 1A Forty-two and one half acres of land with five or more acres not in the FEMA specified flood plain. The buildable area's contours are primarily east-west, providing for ideal building configurations with minimal western exposures. Electrical service will be provided from Bluebonnet Electric; water provided from an on-site well and the Northeast Washington County Water District; sewer from a link to an existing system with the Oak Hill subdivision.
- **1B** Panhandle utilities and 600 feet of roadway with 24 parking spaces.
- **1C** 3,150 square foot Spay & Neuter Clinic will include a one-vehicle drive-through and a large storage area.
- **1D** Service Yard with screened fencing.
- **1E** Minor repair to existing 1,000 square foot barn.
- **2A** 3,600 feet of Exercise Trails; two Bridges; one pedestrian, one vehicular; one large (16 acre) and one small (2 acre) fenced-in Dog Parks each with its own pond; and extend Roadway 650 feet with 32 parking spaces.
- **2B** (3) 12' x 10' Open air shelters for added outdoor shaded seating.
- 2C 1,000 square foot, multi-purpose open-air covered Training Center with a concrete floor that will serve primarily for training and double as an emergency habitat location in the event of a disaster.
- **3A** 3,000 square foot Educational Building with restrooms, a utility kitchen, and a storage room large enough to allow the 120 person capacity meeting room to be cleared of tables and chairs for special events; extend Roadway 700 feet with 25 parking spaces.
- 3B 12,000 square foot Animal Shelter and Adoption Center with a sally port that will serve the City of Brenham and Washington County. For convenience, it may be attached to the existing Educational Building. Renovate existing barn (1E) for Farm & Horse Shelter.
- **4A** Bandstand, Café and other pet-related facilities

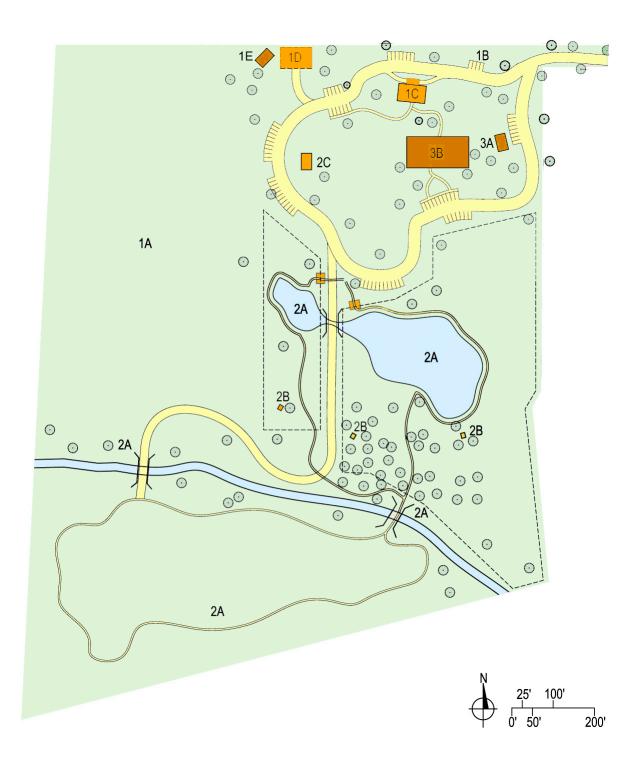
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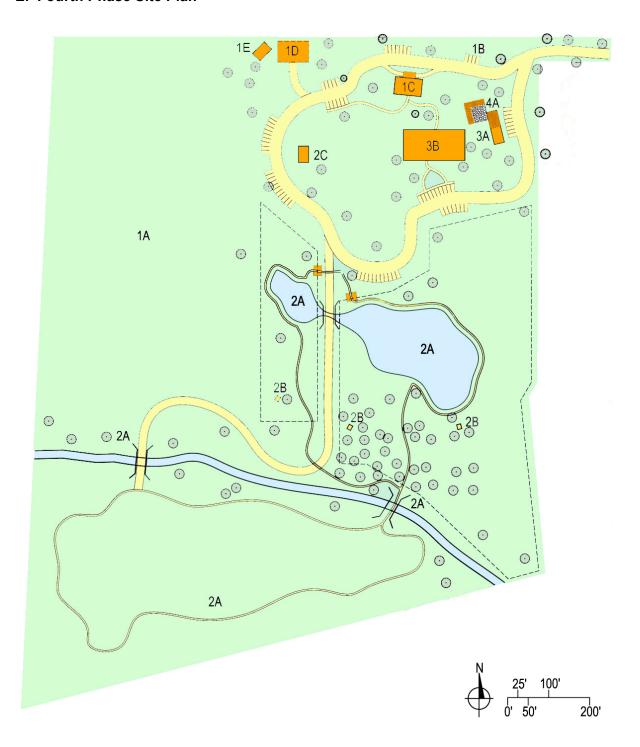
C. Second Phase Site Plan



D. Third Phase Site Plan



E. Fourth Phase Site Plan

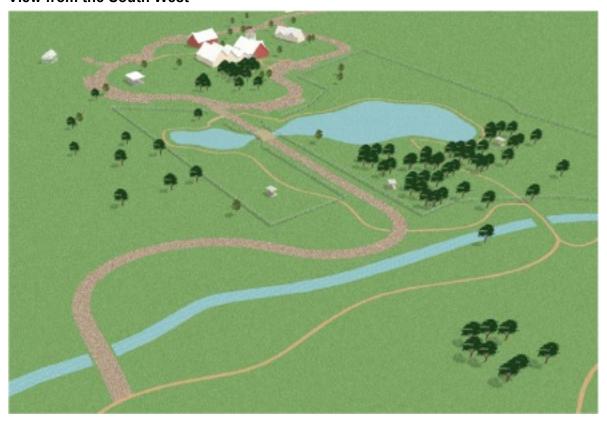


G. Bird's Eye Rendering

View from the North East



View from the South West



H. Village Master Plan Budget & Estimates

We came in approximately \$40,000 under budget for Phase I and were able to complete the roadway to the park entrance which had not been included in Phase 1 budgeting.

ANIMAL FRIENDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY VILLAGE COSTS AND PROJECT ESTIMATES PHASE **ITEM** HARD COST SOFT COST TOTAL DIMENSION Land (Purchased in 2006) \$ 192,000 5,311 1A \$ 197,311 43 acres **1B** Panhandle Utilities & Roadway 100,000 \$ 10,000 \$ 110,000 600 ft 1C 225,000 \$ 95,000 \$ 320,000 3,000 sq ft Spay/Neuter Clinic \$ 1D Service Yard 20,000 \$ 2,000 \$ 22,000 200 ft Minor Repair to Existing Barn \$ 1,000 \$ \$ 1,200 1,000 sq ft 1E 200 2A Pal Park, Trails, Bridge & Roadway \$ 150,000 \$ 30,000 \$ 180,000 2,000 ft 2B 20,000 \$ 2,000 \$ 22,000 360 sq ft 3 Open Air Shelters \$ 2C Covered Training Center \$ 65,000 10,000 75,000 1,000 sq ft 400,000 \$ 80,000 480,000 3,000 sq ft 3A Educational Building & Roadway \$ \$ **Animal Shelter & Adoption Center** Existing Barn Renovation \$ \$ \$ 3B 3,650,000 730,000 4,380,000 13,000 sq ft 4A Bandstand, Café & other facilities \$ 100,000 \$ 20,000 \$ 120,000 1,200 sq ft \$ \$ all Master Plan & A/E Consulting 30,000 30,000 4,923,000 \$ 1,014,511 \$ 5,937,511 SUBTOTAL \$ 10% Contingency \$ 492,300 101,451 \$ 593,751 TOTAL ESTIMATE \$ 5,415,300 \$ 1,115,962 \$ 6,531,262 **ENDOWMENT** 2,000,000 **VILLAGE GRAND TOTAL** \$ 8,531,262 General Notes: Construction cost estimates in 2007 dollars (costs are increasing 10% per year) Land Costs 10% Contingency is included even though it has already been purchased

Soft Costs - Architect/Engineer Fees, Furnishings, Equipment, Telephones, Computers



Appendix A: Area Statistics

Every day in the United States 10,000 people are born. Every day in the United States 70,000 puppies and kittens are born.

Every year in the United States about 5 millions dogs and cats are euthanized in shelters. In the 13 county areas that the Animal Friends Clinic will serve 8,556 dogs and cats were euthanized during 2006.

Millions of dogs and cats are even less fortunate and left to live on their own and die a painful death. There will always be animals that will be brought into existence without care and concern. Let us reduce that number to a manageable state. Spaying and neutering is the only answer. It is not only humane, but it is also cost-effective.

The following are relevant statistics for our 13-county area.

ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLDS WITH PETS/PET POPULATION:

AREA COUNTIES	HUMAN POP. (Households)	Dog Households (HH x .361)	Dog Population (HH x .578)	Cat Households (HH x .316)	Cat Population (HH x .66)	Total DOG/CA Population
Austin County	23,590 (8,835)	3,189	5,106	2,791	5,831	10,937
Brazos County	152,415 (56,335)	20,336	32,561	17,801	37,181	69,742
Burleson County	16,470 (6,168)	2,226	3,546	1,949	4,070	7,616
Colorado County	20,390 (7,636)	2,756	4,413	2,412	5,039	9,452
Fayette County	4,344 (1,626)	586	939	513	1,073	2,012
Grimes County	23,552 (8,820)	3,184	5,097	2,787	5,821	10,918
Lee County	15,335 (5,743)	2,073	3,319	1,814	3,790	7,109
Leon County	15,335 (5,743)	2,073	3,319	1,814	3,790	7,109
Madison County	12,490 (4,677)	1,688	2,703	1,477	3,086	5,789
Milam County	34,238 (12,823)	4,629	7,411	4,052	8,463	15,874
Robertson County	16,000 (5,992)	2,163	3,463	1,893	3,954	7,417
Washington County (Site for clinic)	30,383 (11,379)	4,107	6,577	3,595	7,510	14,087
Waller County	32,663 (12,233)	4,416	7,070	3,865	8,073	15,143
TOTALS:	397,205	53,426	85,524	46,763	97, 681	183,20

Households living below national poverty level (12.6 percent): 12,623 households Households living below state poverty level (17.6 percent): 17, 633 households

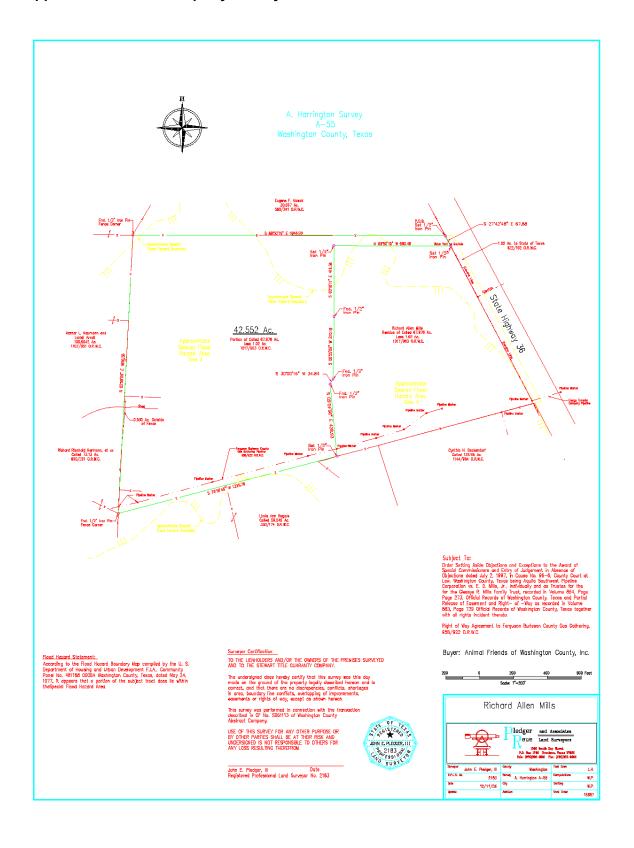
ORGANIZATIONS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANIMAL FRIENDS CLINIC

Humane Society / Animal	# of dogs/cats entering	# of dogs / cats	Data Year
Control / or Rescue Group	shelters	euthanized	
Animal Friends (Bellville) Austin County	110	5	2006
Bellville Animal Control (City of Bellville)	90	58	2006
Brazos Animal Shelter-Brazos County	8,615	5,222	2006
Brazo Feral Cat Allies-Brazos County	268	-	2006
Cat Care Alliance	_	-	2006
Charity Animals Rescue & Shelter Austin County	75	5	2006
Country Paws Rescue- Waller County			2006
Craig C. Cantey Adoption Center (Brenham Humane Services) Washington County	1,484	935	2006
Fayette County Animal Shelter Fayette County	1,510	1,071	2006
Hearn Animal Shelter Robertson County	150	75	2006
Lehman Animal Shelter (Giddings) Lee County	1,201	479	2006
Mr. K's Pet Shelter Halfway House	100	0	2006
Navasota Animal Shelter Grimes County	925	670	2006
Pet Adoption & Animal Welfare Society (P.A.A.W.S.) Burleson County	234	24	2006
Poochies Place Grimes County	50	7	2006
Prevent Unwanted Pets (PUPS)	-	-	2006
Texas Academy of Animal Control Lee County	0	0	2006
The Cat's Cradle Cat Rescue Grimes County	120	0	2006
True Blue Animal Rescue Washington County	170	0	2006
Waller County - Waller County	-	-	2006
Woodstock Animal Foundation of Texas - <i>Brazos County</i>	150	5	2006
TOTAL ESTIMATED:	15,252	8,556	

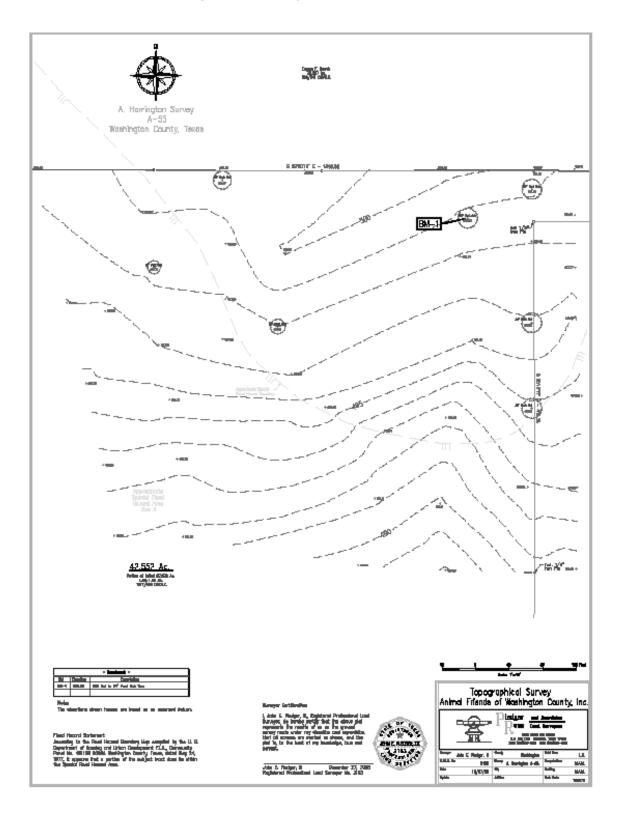
Based on statistics from Houston and Dallas, PetSmart estimates that two spay/neuters per 1,000 population per year results in a 6% reduction in unwanted pets entering shelters. The Animal Friends Clinic, based on these statistics, will be able to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats to a manageable number within 5 years.

In addition to the above targeted counties, we have clientele from Matagorda and Harris Counties.

Appendix B: Property Survey



Appendix C: Topographic Survey of Northeast Corner



Appendix D: Department of State Health Services Plan Review



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DSHS Rabies Quarantine Facility Blueprint Review Checklist

Proposed Name of Facility			of FacilityProject Coordinator					
Street Address			Mailing Address					
CityZip Code_			Zip Code County					
Phone ()Fax ()			Fax ()					
DSI	HS Rev	/iewer	r(s) Date					
			M = Mandatory O= Optimal					
	Yes	No	A. Floors					
М			Will the floors be made of a durable, nonabsorbent material?					
0			Will the floors be lightly textured to reduce slipping hazards?					
0			3. Will the floors be sealed, finished, and sloped so liquids will not puddle?					
			B. Waste disposal					
М			Does waste disposal minimize vermin infestations, odors, and disease hazards?					
М			Is animal waste removed through a sanitary sewer, septic system, or garbage?					
0			Is there freezer and refrigerator space available to store carcasses and rabies specimens?					
			C. Drainage					
0			Are floors adequately sloped toward a drain with a slope of ¼ to ½ inch drop per running foot to facilitate drainage?					
0			2. Is the drainage system constructed with traps, vents, and drain covers to prevent backup of sewer gases and unpleasant odors?					
0			3. Are waste drainpipes at least 6° in diameter?					
0			4. Are drains covered with a grate to prevent hair, debris, and small animals from entering into the waste pipes?					
0			Are drains and drain troughs arranged so waste from one animal does not flow through another animal's enclosure?					
0			Is there a flushing system in the pipes or troughs?					
			D. Water, Electricity, and Lighting					
М			Is potable water available?					
М			Is electricity available?					
М			Is sufficient lighting available for evaluating animal health, routine inspection, and proper cleaning?					
М			4. Are primary enclosures situated to protect the animals from excessive illumination including sunlight?					
0			Are 220-volt outlets installed for certain electrical equipment needed for operation and maintenance?					
0			Are electrical outlets GFI protected and mounted at least 3 to 4 feet above the floor with protective covers in animal areas and other parts of the facility where water is used?					

7. Does the facility have an adequate number of windows and/or skylights to permit natural

8. Is exterior lighting available to provide for the safety of the animal control officers during

1. Does the shelter provide adequate protection of animals from any form of cold or inclement

2. Does the shelter have adequate ventilation and/or cooling for the health and comfort of the

3. For indoor facilities, is auxiliary ventilation, such as fans or air-conditioning, provided when the

lighting for the animals and also provide an additional source of light?

E. Heating, Ventilation, and Cooling

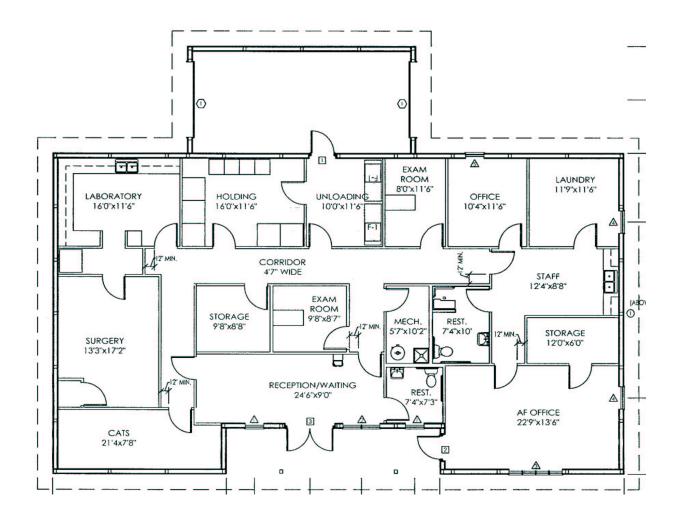
temperature rises above 85°F (29.5°C)?

weather and direct effects of wind, rain, or snow?

nighttime operations and to increase security against vandalism and theft?

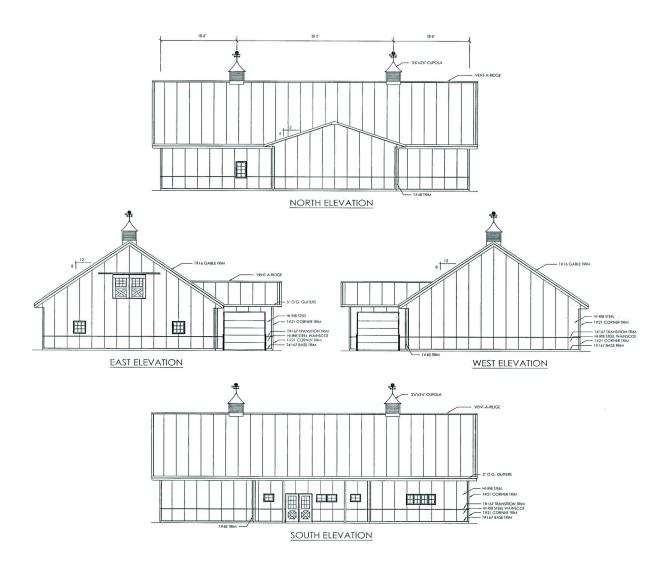
animals at all times and to minimize drafts, odors, and moisture condensation?

Appendix E: Clinic Conceptual Floor Plan



With few exceptions, the floor plan above reflects the clinic layout. The room labeled Mechanical is now a second laboratory. The Laboratory at the top left is a prep/laboratory area. The majority of the mechanical equipment is located in the laundry area. The dog holding area has facilities for 23 dogs while the cat area is contains 23 cages. Intake of animals that arrive in vans is accomplished in the space noted as Unloading.

Clinic Conceptual Elevations



Appendix F: Texas Shelter Construction Costs

AGENCY	YEAR	POPULATION	SQ FT	COST	PSF*
Plano	2001	.23M	14,000	\$2.4M	\$171
Grand Prairie	2003	.115M	15,000	\$2.6M	\$173
Flower Mound	2004	.08M	10,000	\$1.9M	\$190
Mesquite	2005	.12M	11,400	\$2.5M	\$219
Dallas	2006	1.3M	55,400	\$11.1M	\$201
San Antonio	2006	1.2M	37,000	\$9.2M	\$249
Williamson Co.	2006	.2M	15,000	\$3.9M	\$260
Carrollton	2007	.12M	8,800	\$2.5M**	\$280

^{*} Inflation can be easily tracked by the increasing psf costs.

^{**} Estimate

Appendix G: Board of Directors: Animal Friends of Washington County August 2007

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Angela Knauss has implemented rural nursing programs, served as the administrator for The Faculty Senate at the University of Michigan, and was the assistant to the commissioner for Economic and Community Development for the State of Tennessee. She has a B.A. from the University of Vermont and a Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt University. Knauss is currently the President of Animal Friends of Washington County.

Judy Grimm, Vice President



Judy Grimm has worked in banking and insurance and is currently an operations manager for Germania Insurance Company. She is a certified pet care technician and banking professional. Grimm is currently the Vice President for the organization.

Carol, Jensen, Treasurer



Carol Jensen graduated first in her class at the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Accountancy. As a CPA, she worked for four years with KPMG CPA firm. For many years, she had her own accounting practice, but is currently owner and CEO of Washington County Tractor. She once trained and showed horses, but currently serves as a foster home for a Shetland sheepdog rescue group. Jensen is currently the Treasurer for the organization.

Carolyn Powell, Secretary



Carolyn Powell graduated with a B.A. from the University of South Carolina and has been employed by Ernst & Young, Thomasville Furniture Ind., the Texas parole board, and the Internal Revenue Service, while living in several Texas cities, Chicago, Greenville, S.C., and now in the Brenham area. She spent the last fifteen years of her career with Houston Endowment, retiring from her position as a grant manager almost two years ago. Powell is the current Secretary for the organization.

Susan Cantey

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Susan Cantey was born in Shreveport, LA, but was raised in Caracas, Venezuela. She is a graduate in Spanish Literature from Texas Woman's University and has taught second grade in Torreon, Mexico. She served as administrative Secretary to President/Chairman of Tenneco Inc. She is active in the nonprofit community serving as board chair and board member for eight organizations.





Angela Hahn is currently the Public Information Manager for the City of Brenham. She has extensive experience in public relations also having worked for the Brenham school district. She has also been a journalist for the Banner-Press. Hahn has a B.S. in Journalism, a Masters degree in Training and Administration, and is a Certified Public Manager.

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Steve James is currently Vice President of Blue Bell Creameries, working his entire 33 year career in sales and sales management. He was an Army Reservist and honorably discharged with the rank of Captain in 1982. He has a B.S. degree, majoring in speech and government and was a distinguished military graduate.

Robert Knauss

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Robert Knauss is an Independent Director on the Board of Directors for four public companies (two traded on the NYSE) and on three nonprofit organizations. Previous, he was the chairman of Philip Services Corporation and CEO and Chairman of Baltic International, USA. He also served as Dean of the University of Houston Law Center (1981-1993); Dean of the Vanderbilt Law School (1972-1979) and member of the Law faculty at the University of Michigan (1960-1972). He has a B.A. degree from Harvard College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School.

Carey Lacina

Carey Lacina graduated from Texas A&M University with a BA. She worked for the Department of Human Services for Texas as a Medicaid eligibility caseworker and supervisor. Lacina is also a long-time volunteer at Hospice Brazos Valley and also at the animal shelter.

Theresa Maxwell



Theresa Maxwell is the Animal Shelter Director, Supervisor of Animal Control for the Brenham Humane Services in Brenham, Texas. She oversees the animal control facility, supervises personnel, manages licensing, trapping, and adoption programs, maintains animal records, investigates allegations of animal cruelty; prepares annual department budget; and responds to citizen questions and complaints regarding animal control. She is a certified cruelty investigator and teaches animal control classes for the Texas Animal Control Association and the Texas Department of Health.

Edwin Schmid

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Edwin Schmid was President of Germania Insurance Companies for 27 years and worked for the company for a total of 50 years. He was an officer of the Texas Association of Mutual Insurance Company and chairman of their legislative committee. He received the National Association of Mutual Insurance Merit Award in 1974 and their Service Award in 1995.

Sandra Sumerlin



Sandra Sumerlin is an educator who has worked with the Tutor Literacy Advance program in Houston, the Tutor Covenant House for teens, and the Tutor Briarwood School for the learning disabled. She has been the secretary for the chief of Pediatrics at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans, and a board member for the Memorial Herman Southwest Hospital and the Relay for Life (cancer fund). She is a graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, in elementary education.