

# ANIMAL FRIENDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

## MISSION AND HISTORY



In 2006, no low-cost spay/neuter/wellness clinic existed between Houston and Austin and between Waco and Corpus Christi. Animal Friends of Washington County refined their mission, initiated plans and raised all the finances through private donations to build a clinic to serve the following counties: Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette, Grimes, Lee, Leon, Madison, Matagorda, Milam, Robertson, Waller, Wharton and Washington. Although these are our primary targets, many of our clients come from Harris County and the Clinic is open to all.

Since the completion of Clinic in 2008, over 45,900 spay/neuter surgeries have been completed to date. Clinic staff regularly see over 100 clients each week, and have the ability to handle 30 animals in one day.

### **Mission:**

Animal Friends of Washington County (AFOWC) is committed to aid in the prevention of animal overpopulation; protect with loving care those animals that are abused or abandoned; and provide an environment where people can enjoy their furry friends.

### **AFOWC's Goals:**

1. Provide a facility that will offer low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter and wellness services. The Animal Friends Clinic opened in June 2008.
2. Provide a setting for people and their pets to play in a safe and pleasant environment.
3. Serve as a resource, training and information center on all aspects of animal welfare.

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## **The Master Plan:**

This plan was designed to be completed in phases over time -- and ultimately to provide a complete animal-oriented facility that is intended to become a model for the State of Texas.

Phase I & II have been completed.

### **Phase I**

- 42.5 acres of land was purchased in Brenham in 2006
- Development of infrastructure was completed – including a well, sewer line and pump, and electrical services
- Construction of the 1st phase of roadway and parking area completed
- Construction of the Animal Friends Clinic was completed in 2008

### **Phase 2**

- Completion of two dog parks, each with their own ponds
- NOTE – due to heavy flooding in 2016 & 2017, both dog parks were rebuilt in a higher location in 2018
- Completion of a separately fenced agility park for dog training



Animal Friends Clinic