

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. Cruelty cases are followed up and prosecuted by the San Benito Police Department and its Officers.



Safe Outdoor Dogs Act

In January of 2022, the State of Texas enacted policy governing the restraint of dogs outdoors. Violations of this act are punishable by law. Find out more about the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act by scanning below.



MISSION STATEMENT

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



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**City of San Benito
Animal Control Division
601 N. Oscar Williams Rd.
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ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION



**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 be 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.

INADEQUATE 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. 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.