



BRAZOS COUNTY

BRYAN, TEXAS

ORDER NO. 2002-011

AN ORDER OF BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS PROHIBITING OR REGULATING THE OWNERSHIP AND KEEPING OF DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS IN BRAZOS COUNTY

THIS ORDER is adopted in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 240.002 and Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 822, Subchapter E and applies in the unincorporated areas of the county.

WHEREAS, to preserve and protect public health and safety, the Commissioners Court of Brazos County, Texas desires to prohibit the keeping of a wild animal in the County.

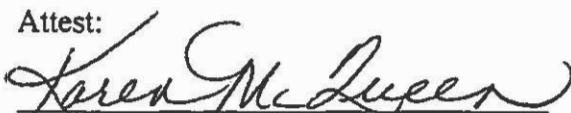
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Brazos County, Texas as follows:

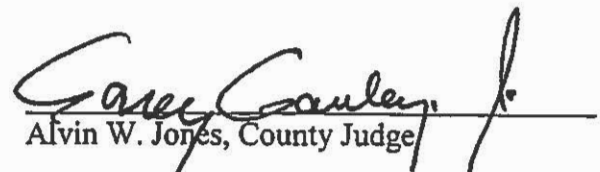
1. This Order supercedes and repeals Commissioners Court Order of December 16, 1997.
2. For purposes of this Order, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) "Wild animal" shall mean a lion, tiger, ocelot, cougar, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, bobcat, lynx, serval, caracal, hyena, bear, coyote, jackal, baboon, chimpanzee, orangutan, gorilla, or any hybrid of those animals.
 - (b) "Animal registration agency" shall mean the Brazos Animal Shelter.
3. The keeping of a wild animal within any unincorporated areas of Brazos County, Texas is hereby prohibited unless the wild animal was being kept by a person in Brazos County on the date of this Order and the person keeping the wild animal meets the following requirements:
 - (a) The person must not acquire any additional wild animals after the effective date of this Order.
 - (b) The person must not sell or transfer the wild animal to anyone within Brazos County.

- (c) The person must meet the registration and all other requirements of Chapter 822, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code and Section 4 of this Order.
4. The following procedures shall be followed in registering a wild animal:
- (a) The applicant shall complete the application for certificate of registration on a form provided by the Brazos Animal Shelter. The application form and accompanying submittals must, at a minimum, include the information set forth in Section 822.104 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- (b) The applicant, for an original or renewal certificate of registration under this Order, shall pay to the Brazos Animal Shelter an annual fee of \$100.00 per wild animal being registered.
- (c) A certificate of registration issued under this Order is not transferable and shall be valid for one year after its date of issuance or renewal unless revoked. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the animal to seek renewal prior to the expiration of the certificate of registration each year that the owner is in possession of the animal.
5. A person commits an offense if the person is found to have violated the terms of this Order. Each animal with respect to which there is a violation and each day that violation continues is a separate offense. Each such offense is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.
6. A person who fails to register an animal in accordance with this Order or fails to comply with the provisions of Chapter 822, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code is also liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$2,000.00 for each animal with respect to which there is a violation and for each day the violation continues.
7. The county attorney or any attorney representing the County may file an action in a district court to enjoin a violation or threatened violation of this Order.

This Order shall be effective as of July 2, 2002.

Attest:


County Clerk


Alvin W. Jones, County Judge