

## **SECTION 1 – AUTHORITY AND INTENT**

**1.1 AUTHORITY:** These regulations are adopted by the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, Texas, as authorized by Chapters 822 and 826 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

**1.2 INTENT:** It is the intent of the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, to enact this order to protect the public health and safety of the citizens of Comal County, Texas, and the Commissioners' Court hereby declares that this order is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety. This order is further intended to encourage the humane treatment of animals and prevent cruelty to animals.

**1.3 STRICT LIABILITY:** Unless otherwise indicated, any person who violates a section of this ordinance shall be strictly liable for such violation and shall be subject to the penalties herein established.