



*Office of the Mayor  
Sugar Land, Texas*

*Certificate of Recognition*

*Dr. James Cox  
26 Years of Service  
December 5, 2023*

*Dr. James L. Cox has served on the Animal Advisory Board for the City of Sugar Land for 26 years, and, as chair, has been instrumental in leading the board through change over the years, including: the first indoor animal shelter in 2008; an animal shelter expansion study in 2016, resulting in expansion options and recommendations for interim improvements to the existing shelter; expansion of the current shelter after the annexation of Greatwood and New Territory, increasing floor space by 36 percent; and approval in 2019 by the Sugar Land voters of \$6.6 million to fund the design and construction of a new animal shelter to address projected growth through 2030 and house a total of 70 dogs and 132 cats at any given time.*

*Dr. Cox has helped guide the City to provide compassionate, high-quality care to the animals coming into the shelter. He has facilitated educational community engagement opportunities, and has enabled the City of Sugar Land Animal Shelter to serve as a trailblazing municipal shelter that inspires others.*

*He graduated from Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1982, and opened Sugar Creek Animal Clinic in February 1990 with special interests in Internal Medicine and Oncology. He is a member of the Texas and American Veterinary Medical Associations, the Fort Bend and Harris Counties Veterinarian Medical Associations, and the American College of Veterinary Emergency Critical Care. He and his staff at the Sugar Creek Animal Clinic have worked hard to provide the highest quality of personalized care and a variety of veterinary medical services to every patient in the Sugar Creek, Sugar Land, and surrounding areas. James has two children, three grandchildren, and one Labrador retriever.*

*I, Joe R. Zimmerman, on behalf of the members of the City Council, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Sugar Land, Texas, do hereby recognize **Dr. James Cox** for his dedication of 26 years serving on the Animal Advisory Board.*

*In Witness Whereof, This Testimonial  
Is Presented By the Undersigned on December 5, 2023*

*ATTEST*

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*Robin Lenio, TRMC, City Secretary*

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*Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor*