



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

March 25, 2020

Chatham County Animal Services Modifies Operations

Chatham County (March 25, 2020) - In response to recommendations from the CDC, National Animal Care & Control Association, and Chatham County Health Department, it is necessary to modify normal operations at Chatham County Animal Services. This will help to ensure the health and safety of our residents and animals.

Effective March 25, 2020:

Officers will respond only to emergency calls. This includes:

- law enforcement assistance when animal are present
- injured or sick stray animals
- cruelty and neglect complaints
- bite complaints
- dangerous and aggressive dog complaints

Shelter Operations:

We will continue to be open to the public **by appointment only** for adoptions. Currently there animals for adoption or that can be fostered through various rescues. Call (912) 652-6575 or follow contact me link from our website at animalservices.chathamcountyga.gov to schedule an appointment.

Pet registrations can still be submitted by mail. Additionally, a drop box for citizens to submit their registrations in person will be set up outside out building. Penalties for late registration have been suspended until further notice. Remember to have your pet vaccinated for rabies if they are due.

In order not exceed our capacity to care for the animals we take in, we are instituting a more managed intake procedure:

We will not be accepting, nor will officers pick up, healthy outside cats that have been trapped.

We will only take in stray animals that are in immediate danger (sick or injured) or pose an immediate threat to the public.

Owner surrenders will be assessed on a case-to-case basis at this time. We ask that all other avenues be pursued before contacting CCAS.

We hope these measures will help us continue to serve this community. Working together we can make it through today to a better tomorrow.

###

Contact:
Catherine Glasby
Public Information Director
Chatham County, GA
Office: (912)652-7897
Email: cnglasby@chathamcounty.org