



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL

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Animal Control Re-Opens to the Public

FREDERICK, MD – Beginning Wednesday, August 4, 2021, Frederick County Animal Control and Pet Adoption Center will be reopening its doors on a modified basis with some positive changes in place.

People who are interested in adopting a pet through an in-person process or just visiting shelter animals will now make a reservation to ensure proper staffing and allow shelter animals to once again acclimate to having visitors. Throughout the month of August, the shelter will begin offering hour-long reservation times 3-4 days a week. Hour-long visiting reservations begin at 10 a.m. with the last reservation at 3 p.m. Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance at visitfcac.as.me.

Director Linda Shea says, “We are excited to be reopening our facility to visitors. We know how much in-person interaction with our shelter animals means to many potential adopters, but we will continue our virtual adoption process also since it’s been so successful over the past year.”

Shea recommends that potential adopters bring along a completed adoption application to facilitate the adoption process. Adoption applications can be found online and printed out or picked up at Animal Control during normal operating administrative hours.

In between visits, staff will be sanitizing high-touch surfaces. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building. Currently, masks are required inside all County buildings and that includes the Animal Control facility.

Throughout August, normal operating administrative hours are Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you need to reclaim an animal, look for a lost pet, apply for a pet license, pay a citation, or have other administrative business you do not need to make a reservation. When you arrive, ring the Aiphone at the front entrance for assistance.

To reach an Animal Control Officer, dial 301-600-1544. For animal-related emergencies, dial 301-600-1603 at any time.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for reopening updates and changes to operating hours. Call Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1546 during normal business hours for more information.

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