

*** Public Service Announcement ***

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are making temporary changes to reduce the risk of spreading the illness. Our primary goal is to reduce the number of people going in and out of our building.

****VISITING:** For the next couple of weeks, we are asking that you do not visit the shelter if you do not have a direct need. We are limiting contact with our animals to prevent the spread of the virus. We will not be allowing unnecessary visitation with the pets. IF you must come to CHHS, please be mindful of what you are touching and washing your hands. If you are showing any symptoms, you will not be allowed in the building.

****Adoptions:** If you are interested in adopting one of our animals, we ask that you fill out an application online at www.caringhandshs.org/adoption-application.html Once this is completed, you can call us to check on the status of the application. We are asking that you wait to visit with the animals until your application has been approved, and only visit with the animals that you are seriously interested in.

****Owner Surrenders:** We are asking that you call us at 316-283-0839 to schedule a time to surrender your animal(s). We are aiming to reduce the frequency of this, as a shelter environment is not going to be the best option for them at this time. If you are needing some kind of assistance to keep your pet for at least the next two weeks, please get in touch with us as we may be able to help with your situation. We will only accept surrenders from our required locations: HARVEY COUNTY residents not living within any city limits, NEWTON residents, NORTH NEWTON residents, and BURRTON residents.

****STRAYS:** We are asking to please work with your community if you find a stray pet to attempt to find owners. We can also share photos on our page to help with attempting to find owners before bringing a lost pet here. If you want to help but are unsure how to do so, please ask us and we will be happy to assist you.

****VOLUNTEERS:** We are asking that all YOUTH volunteers refrain from visiting until further notice. We will also not be allowing any group volunteer activities at this time.

IF you are bringing an animal for any reason, please leave your animal in your vehicle to limit the amount of exposure from animal to person and animal to animal, until a staff member can direct you on our procedures.

CURRENT DONATION REQUESTS:

To prepare for us possibly having to care for animals from families needing quarantine, we are asking for any large or extra large wire crates in decent condition. Please attempt to sanitize them prior to bringing.

Following our temporary guidelines is the best way that you can help support us during this time. We thank you all for your understanding. For all questions and concerns, please call us at 316-283-0839.