

As COVID19's impact on our community intensifies our hearts go out to all those who have been affected. We wanted to update you on the steps being taken by AWA to prepare for anything from minor operational disruptions to the worst-case scenario of a more significant shutdown.

The welfare of our community, employees and all animals is our top priority, and this is a rapidly evolving situation that we continue to monitor and respond to.

As always, meeting the needs of the animals at the AWA shelter will continue to remain our main focus ensuring that they will receive excellent care throughout this ordeal.

### **COVID-19 Disruptions of Services**

- Temporary suspension of Pet Therapy visits (going to assisted living and nursing homes), our PAWs program (youth from area agencies), and Humane Education (visits to area schools).
- With Camden County College closed, AWA's Mobile Vaccine Clinics on campus are cancelled until further notice.
- Ongoing fundraising & community events and volunteer orientations / training will be cancelled until further notice. Cancellations will continue to be posted as they happen via our [website calendar](#) and [Facebook page](#)
- **We are evaluating if we will be able to continue with our largest fundraiser, Paws and Feet in May.**
- Effective Thursday, March 19th AWA's hours of operation will be adjusted to allow staff to care for their families and for our remaining staff to care for all of our animals.

### **Updated Public Hours**

#### **Adoption Center**

Fri, Sat, Sun 12pm - 5pm

#### **Pet Clinic** (Subject to Change)

**Vaccine Clinic** - [see our calendar](#)

**Pet Surrendering** - by appointment

**Surgeries** - [by appointment](#)

#### **Development Office**

Mon - Fri 12pm - 5pm

#### **Customer Service**

Mon - Fri 12pm - 5pm

## **COVID-19's Impact on Animals**

- Some communities are facing an influx of abandoned animals due to quarantine, hospitalizations and fear, we will continue to take in animals from surrounding communities.
- Our transport partners are struggling to bring animals to us due to the same staffing and volunteer challenges we are facing.
- With the potential loss of jobs and economic uncertainty we know there will be an increase in demand for our services in the coming months.

We are committed to continuing the AWA mission-critical work for animals during this uncertain time. This is a very fluid situation, so we will share more updates as things change.

The one certain thing we can share is the fact that our animals and organization are going to need your support more than ever as we navigate these uncertain times.

You have shown us time and time again that you will be there when the going gets tough and we look forward to your continued support.

Please Stay Well,  
Maya Richmond  
Executive Director of AWA