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AWA's Last Chance Shelter Tours: Visit Before Demolition Begins

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Voorhees, NJ – Animal Welfare Association (AWA) located in Voorhees, NJ is proud to announce our final dates of our Tails + Tours Series – AWA's Last Chance Tours. These tours are the public's last chance to tour our 50+ year old shelter before we begin demolition.

"Many in our community still remember when Centennial Blvd. was a dirt road," shared Maya Richmond Executive Director, "and tell me wonderful stories adopting their first family pet from our shelter." AWA has been in based out of Voorhees for nearly 60 years. In 2020 AWA will be replacing the deteriorating shelter building with a new state-of-art animal adoption and education center.

"During the tour you will learn about our fascinating history, our life-saving programs, and visit with the happy, furry faces that you help to save," says Marian Conicella, Capital Campaign Director at Animal Welfare Association. Plus attendees will get a sneak peek at the new shelter plans and insight into AWA's expanding programs once the new building opens.

The following dates and times are still available for tours. You must RSVP in advance as space for each tour is limited.

- Sunday, March 15th at 10:00am
- Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00pm
- Sunday, March 22nd at 10:00am
- Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00pm

Interested parties should RSVP with Marian by emailing her at marianc@awanj.org at least 48 hours prior to the tour date and time, space permitting.

"After a year of fundraising we are nearing the \$2.5 million dollar goal yet, the cost of steel is going up with the Coronavirus outbreak and we will need to raise even more to stay on our construction timeline," states Maya Richmond.

Please visit AWA's website for more information on AWA's Capital Campaign and plans for the new shelter building, visit <https://www.awanj.org/capital-campaign/>

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Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2019 over 16,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.

