



NEWS RELEASE

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Transition of Animal Services to Temporary Facility

Beginning today, April 24, 2017, Mesa County Animal Services will start moving into a temporary facility and office trailer which we will operate out of until late November 2017 while our current facility repairs are completed. While Animal Services is making every effort to make this transition as smooth as possible, some of the following services to the public will be impacted.

During the transition from the current facility to the temporary facility the following services will be impacted:

- From April 24-30, 2017, Animal Services will be unable to accept any owner released animals, unless the animal presents an imminent risk to the public due to aggressive behavior.
- Animal Services will be closed to the general public on Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28.

During the seven month period of construction while Animal Services is in the temporary facility, the following services will be impacted due to safety concerns to the public:

- The temporary facility will not be open to the general public. Citizens looking for their lost animals will be directed to our website for animal identification and retrieval. Citizens will also be able to obtain additional details including locating lost animals at our website <http://pets.mesacounty.us>
- Owner release dogs held in the temporary facility will be kept to a limited number. Animal Services will have very limited space in the temporary facility and will need to closely monitor the animal numbers during this period. Animal Services will be working with dog owners based on individual circumstance to be able to accept owner release dogs as soon as possible.

The following services will NOT be impacted by this temporary situation:

- Regular calls for service through the Animal Services Answering service that do not fall in the above exceptions.
- After hours emergency calls.

Animal Services recognizes the impact these changes may have on the community during this period and asks for the public's patience during this time. We are working diligently to try and minimize the impact to the public. Once the current facility is repaired, we will invite the public to our grand opening.

Additional information and details are available at www.mesacounty.us

We strive to be a model animal community where people and pets live together harmoniously