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Raytown Officially Opens Newly Relocated Animal Shelter *Ribbon Cutting set for 2pm November 20*

(RAYTOWN, Mo.) – The public and animal supporters are invited to an open house of Raytown’s expanded Animal Services department at 10312 E. 63rd Street at 2pm on November 20. The Raytown Chamber of Commerce and Tourism will help Animal Services cut the ribbon at 2:30pm on its new building.

The expansion includes the relocation of the City’s entire Animal Services department into the free-standing 2,240 square-foot building on 63rd Street, which is the former Midwest Animal ResQ (MARQ) building.

The new facility will allow Animal Services to house 25 dogs, 12 cats and an occasional exotic animal such as a bird or reptile.

“By broadening our staff and services, we are strengthening our ability to safeguard the health and well-being of both residents and animals alike,” said Diane Egger, Raytown City Administrator.

Animal Services Director Jennifer McWhirt noted that the new facility will have an isolation space for puppies or animals under veterinary care, an outdoor play area and a sunny dedicated cat playroom. Two new staff were also added.

After the brief program and ribbon cutting, visitors can get a guided tour. Free dog ID tags will be made and distributed also at the event, thanks to a generous donation by MARQ.

McWhirt said they are hoping to host more community outreach events and utilize volunteers. Their first community outreach activity is providing pet food to families in need.

The list of improvements that were completed prior to opening include: low stress kennels, resealing the parking lot, adding signage, upgrading the flooring and security system, and making the building ADA compliant.

FAQs

Is Raytown Animal Services the City's animal shelter?

Raytown Animal Services is the City's Animal Control Department. We are committed to keeping pets safe and healthy, while preserving a peaceful neighborhood.

What services are provided?

- Impounding animals due to cruelty, neglect, abandonment, bite holds or running at large.
- Removal of deceased wildlife in public areas.
- Assistance to Police/Fire Departments
- Pet license (All cats, dogs, ferrets and pot-bellied pigs are required to have a pet license)
- Foster or adoptions of animals
- Enforce City of Raytown animal-related ordinances.
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What are the hours?

8-5 Mon – Fri

Weekends as needed for owners to reclaim their pet. Call 816-737-7025.

Who should I call if a dog is running loose?

Call Animal Services – 816-737-7025

Does Animal Services impound animals?

Yes. We only impound within Raytown City limits. Call us – 816-737-7025.

What animals can be impounded?

Domestic animals – dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, pot-bellied pigs, even fish.

What is the average number of animals the City impounds annually?

On average, Animal Services impounds a little more than 300 dogs and cats a year. About half are reunited with their owner.

What do I do if I think my pet has been impounded?

Call Animal Services – 816-737-7025

Do I have to be a resident to adopt a dog?

No. Follow us on Facebook to view all dogs available for adoption.

Can I adopt a dog (or cat) that has been impounded?

Yes, after a 5-day hold, you can fill out an application to adopt. Fees: males - \$85, females - \$100

Are there foster opportunities?

Yes, visit our website raytown.mo.us or call 816-737-7025.

Can I donate items?

Animal Services can accept non-monetary donations such as pet food, pet toys, leashes, blankets and more. Call 816-737-7025.

Will you provide pet food for my animal if I am not financially able?

Yes, Animal Services has a pet food pantry for Raytown residents. The pet food pantry is open normal business hours 8-5 Monday – Friday.