



Urgent Temporary Closure to Strengthen Our Future

Dear Greater Williamsburg Community,

The Heritage Humane Society must **temporarily close our shelter from Monday, April 13 through Friday, April 24**, due to an unexpected, but critical sewer line replacement. While this is an urgent situation, this repair is essential to ensuring a safer, healthier, and more resilient facility for the animals and community we serve long term.

Immediate Need to Relocate Animals

At this moment, every dog kennel in our facility is full, and we are also managing illness within the building. With construction about to begin, we must urgently reduce our on-site population to protect the health and safety of every animal in our care.

How You Can Help Right Now

To navigate this critical moment, we need community support to help place animals through:

- **Adoption** into permanent homes
- **Short-term fostering**. Please foster any of our dogs and cats. Even a two-week commitment can make a life-saving difference. We provide all the resources and support.
- **Career Cats**. Select from 15 that are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and ready to put their “mousing” skills to work at barns, warehouses, brewing companies, wineries, and more!
- **Transfers to trusted regional partners**. Help drive some shelter pets being relocated to other shelters.

What This Means During Our Closure

To maintain safety during construction:

- Only experienced volunteers will be allowed inside the building
- Shelter operations will be significantly limited
- Animal intakes will be restricted to stray pets and emergency cases only

Construction will involve digging up floors and installing new drainage systems throughout the facility, creating conditions that are unsafe and highly stressful for animals to remain onsite.

Give Today to Help Us Get Through This

We need immediate financial support to cover repair costs and sustain care for our animals during this disruption. If you are able to give now, your contribution will make a direct and immediate impact. Donations can be made online at donate.heritagehumane.org, by mail and in-person at our front desk.

This is a moment where our community can make a real difference. Thank you for your compassion, flexibility, and commitment to helping us protect animals now while building a stronger future together.

In the Spirit of Caring,

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