



Temporary Closure Update as of April 21, 2026

Dear Greater Williamsburg Community,

The Heritage Humane Society must **temporarily close our shelter until Saturday, May 2**, 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.

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 consider submitting a foster application. While many of our pets are currently placed in foster homes, this is an evolving situation that has now been extended. As needs continue to shift, additional foster placements may be needed in the days ahead.

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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