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### **Augusta Animal Services reopens shelter to the public amid COVID-19 pandemic**

**AUGUSTA, GA (June 7, 2022)** –The Augusta Animal Services Shelter has reopened to the public while still implementing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

On March 18, 2020, the shelter temporarily closed its doors to the community out of an abundance of caution due to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. However, while closed to the public, the shelter maintained staffing levels for internal operations to provide adequate animal care, continued animal adoptions by appointment only, and continued to receive owner surrenders and strays.

“Pet adoptions, reclaims, and surrenders will continue to be handled by our great staff. However, these services will revert back to being handled in our lobby as opposed to outside, which will be much more convenient for the public. Animal Services will still take the necessary precautions in the facility to mitigate the potential risk of spreading COVID-19,” said James Hill, director of Augusta Animal Services.

The shelter, located at 4164 Mack Lane in Augusta, is open 11am-5pm Monday through Friday, 12pm-5pm Saturdays, and closed on Sundays.

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