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As you are aware the COVID-19 novel coronavirus has affected the operations of many businesses in North Carolina and within Rutherford County. To ensure that we are doing our part to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19, Rutherford County Animal Control Services Facility will be limiting hours of operation to the public. Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, the facility will be opened to the public by appointment only. Please call 828.287.6025 to schedule appointment. Animal Control officers will only answer emergency road calls. **For emergencies, please call 828.286.2911.**

Visit our Facebook or website at

https://www.rutherfordcountync.gov/departments/animal_control_services/index.php.

Considering the services we provide, it is extremely important for us to take precautionary measures. This ensures the facility is being properly cleaned, protects staff, protects citizens, guarantees that animals continue to receive proper care and citizens of Rutherford County are being helped.

We encourage people to help prevent the possible spread of this virus by:

- Washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds
- Cough/sneeze into a tissue or arm sleeve.
- Social Distancing
- Staying at home when you feel sick.

Please do not visit the shelter if you have a cough, fever, and difficulty breathing, or have had these symptoms within the past 14 days, or you have traveled out of the State or internationally, or have been to an area with known confirmed exposure risks to COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

Our top priority is to continue service to citizens of Rutherford County while keeping our employees healthy and safe.

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