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Taney County Animal Control Center Closes Temporarily

Animal Control Officers working to locate and rescue animals from flooded areas

In response to the rising floodwater in our area, the Taney County Animal Center will close to the public temporarily. The Center will be closed to accommodate animals that have been displaced because of the flood. Animal Control officers will only respond to emergency calls. Any non-emergency calls will be responded to depending on officer availability.

If anyone needs assistance in locating an animal in a flooded area, they should call the Taney County Animal Control Center at (417) 332-0172 or the Taney County Health Department at (417) 334-4544 ext 224 to report a lost animal. "Safety is our first concern for the Animal Control Officers," said Laura Trog, Animal Control Manager, "but we will make every effort to help residents locate their animals." The officers will be patrolling near the flooded areas and will pick-up any strays. "This is a difficult time for everyone who has been affected by the flood and we will do our best to make sure residents are reunited with their pets," said Trog. The public is encouraged to call either of the numbers listed above if they are searching for, or found, a lost animal.

Adoption of animals from the Center will be suspended until it reopens for normal business, which will be announced. Animal adoptions are available through the Shepherd of the Hills Humane Society who is working closely with the Taney County Animal Center.

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