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Taney County Animal Control Center Responds to Emergency Situations

Emergency response is a part of public health that many may not recognize. For the second time in a very short period, the Taney County Animal Control Center is responding to emergencies that will change the normal flow of activity.

Due to the emergency in Joplin as well as the potential for more flooding locally, the Center will not be accepting surrendered dogs or cats. The Center remains open for all other purposes. Animal control officers and kennel staff will prioritize calls and accept animals as space is available. Local rescued animals are available for adoption during normal business hours.

“We work closely with the Joplin Humane Society and some of our staff has responded to assist them in the recovery and management of animals that have been displaced after the tornado,” said Laura Trog, Taney County Animal Control supervisor. In addition to the Joplin disaster, the Center is preparing to receive more animals that may be displaced if floodwaters rise in our local area. “We feel it is the right decision to temporarily hold the limited space we have available for animals that may be displaced from their owners, if floodwaters rise,” said Trog.

The Center is open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Saturday for adoptions. Please contact the Animal Control Center if you have any questions or need assistance with an animal at (417) 332-0172. Visit our website to view the animals currently available for adoption at www.taneycohealth.org.

As we all struggle to understand the disaster that has struck our neighbors many are seeking ways to assist. Due to the tremendous increase of animals sheltered at the Joplin Humane Society, additional food and supplies are needed, specifically canned food. Donations of canned dog and cat food may be dropped off at either Taney County Health Department location and will be transported to the Joplin Humane Society. The Branson office is located at 320 Rinehart Road (417) 334-4544 and the Forsyth office (417) 546-4725 is located in Cedar Square Shopping Center in Forsyth.

All Taney County Health Department staff members have been trained to respond in an emergency. The recent destruction in Joplin has resulted in a number of staff responding to assist in various capacities. Environmental public specialists and nurses join the animal control officers in responding to the tremendous needs that face our neighbors at this time. As their community struggles to recover, the Taney County Health Department staff will continue to support in their recovery as the need arises.

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