

In response to continued efforts by the City of Rapid City and the state of South Dakota to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19, effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020, the Humane Society of the Black Hills will be closed for two weeks.

Emergency intake/surrender is available from 8 a.m. to close daily.

Adoptions by appointment only.

Intake

Intake will continue daily from 8 a.m. to close. If you are uncomfortable coming into the facility call and a staff member will meet you in the parking lot. There will still be paperwork to complete but we will go out of our way to ensure as much social distance as possible.

Adoptions

- **Dog adoptions**
During this closure, adoptions will be by appointment only. Available animals can be seen on our website – www.hsbh.org. If you would like to adopt an animal, call (605) 394-4170 and we will arrange an appointment.
- **Cat and small animal adoptions**
Call (605) 394-4170 and arrange an appointment with an adoption adviser.

Until further notice, cat adoption prices will be reduced to: Kittens - \$100; Adults - \$75; Seniors - \$25

Surrenders

Non-emergency owner-surrendered pets are discouraged during this closure as shelter space may become limited as our ability to adopt animals decreases. If possible, please keep your pet in your home until the shelter reopens to the public.

Stray drop off

If you find a stray animal, before bringing it to the shelter consider please consider efforts to find the animal's home before bringing it to the shelter. If you can make that initial effort, call the humane society with the time and location you found the animal, the description of the animal, and any other relevant information and we'll reach out to anyone who is looking for a pet that matches the description.

If you can't shelter the stray animal, intake is open at 8 a.m. daily, 1820 E. St. Patrick Street.

Volunteers

Volunteer groups are restricted. Call (605) 394-4170 for more information.

- **Dog walkers:** If you're a current volunteer and decide to continue to walk dogs, we still welcome you. In addition to the regular volunteer hours, we can accept volunteers at 8 a.m. to walk potty trained dogs that – due to staffing shortages – might not get a regular morning walk. During this time we want to be as respectful of the dangers of COVID 19 and as flexible as possible to continue to care for the animals under our care.

Donations

Now more than ever your support is not only appreciated but critical. Donations of food, money, and supplies can be left at the intake entrance or, if you are uncomfortable entering the building, call and we will meet you in the parking lot. You can easily donate funds on our website – www.hsbh.org – and a monthly contribution would help today and into the future.

This is an uncertain time for our community, our workforce, and our business sector but we'll get through it and return to more normal operations in the near future. Until then, the Humane Society of the Black Hills' staff will continue to care for the animals and your support and flexibility will help immensely.