

City of Gallup Animal Protection Division temporarily suspends pet surrenders and drop offs

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The City of Gallup Animal Protection Division has temporarily suspended acceptance of animals being surrendered or dropped off by owners or others, per a Nov. 15 release. Due to the COVID Pandemic, the City of Gallup Animal Protection Division was forced to suspend spay/neuter operations, which has caused a massive outbreak of litters of puppies and kittens.

"With the program back up and running, there is a large backlog of people requesting to have their animals sterilized," the release states. "We are attempting to get them scheduled as soon as possible to reduce the number of unwanted animals from being surrendered or simply left at the Animal Shelter."

The City, in partnership with the Humane Society, works to get as many animals as possible adopted or transported to other facilities where they have a better chance to find a forever home. However, since this is a nationwide problem, it has been more difficult to transport to facilities in other areas.

"Until the Animal Protection Division is able to free up space in our shelter, we will not be able to take any animals in for a period of about two weeks. This temporary closure does not apply to aggressive dogs or dogs that have bitten people. Animal Protection is still responding to emergencies as normal, but we cannot pick up any strays at this time," the release continues.

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For information on the City's Foster program and how you can participate, please call (505) 726-1453.

"This is a very difficult situation and we appreciate your support as we work to resolve these challenges. You can help by adopting an animal that needs a loving home. The Humane Society is opening up on Saturdays for adoptions. You can contact them at (505) 863-2616 for more information," the City stated.

