



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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NEWS RELEASE

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Beginning Today, Chatham County Animals Services Offers No Fee Adoption in Preparation for Hurricane Florence

Chatham County, GA (September 9, 2018) - Chatham County Animal Services (CCAS) needs help as they prepare for the worst and hope for the best regarding Hurricane Florence.

There is a possibility that Chatham County could be in the path of Hurricane Florence and if so, effects may be felt as early as Thursday of next week. One of CCAS key missions is to save animals, and they need to make preparations now to bring as many animals as possible to safety in the event the storm does hit Chatham County.

Animal Services is making plans to evacuate some cats and dogs to nearby shelters not projected to be in the path of Florence. However, capacity at these shelters is very small. Therefore, help is needed from the community. If citizens are able to adopt a cat or dog this week, that will help greatly as this lowers the number of animals needing to be evacuated. If residents are not in a position to adopt permanently, temporary adoption may be arranged. Temporary adoption involves keeping animals for a short time until the storm has passed and CCAS is able to reopen and resume normal operations. The duration of temporary adoption is unknown at this time, but based on last year's Hurricane Irma the adoption length could be about two weeks. If Hurricane Florence does not reach this area, then CCAS will take the animal(s) back as soon as they know Chatham County is out of harm's way from the weather.

Those interested in permanent or temporary adoption may adopt beginning, today, September 9, 2018, through Tuesday, September 11, 2018. CCAS will be open this week from **12:00 PM - 4:30 PM** for permanent and temporary adoptions. There will be no adoption fees charged this week for permanent or temporary adoptions.

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