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**Media Release**

**Coulee Region Humane Society's Response To COVID-19**

- We will be locking our doors to the public effective March 18, in attempt to keep our staff healthy as taking care of our animals is the number one priority.
- All visits to the shelter will require an appointment. This includes adoptions, bringing in strays, redemptions, bite quarantines, Franke Fund applicants and SNAP applicants.
- We will have an adoption promotion which will reduce all adoptions fees 50% from March 18-April 1, 2020 in hopes to get as many animals as possible into their new homes. Applications can be found on our website and must be emailed to us in advance. We will call you to schedule an appointment.
- Dog training will continue with a maximum of 9 people per class.

As of March 18, due to recent changes recommended by the CDC, the Coulee Region Humane Society will be locking its doors to the public. We will still be providing outside services to the public but all visits must be made by appointment before entering the building. At the recommendations of the CDC, a maximum of 10 people will be allowed in one room at a time.

We will be scheduling one appointment per half hour and we ask that people only call to schedule an appointment for one of the reasons below:

- To meet or adopt an animal that they have an approved application on.
- To surrender an animal in your home.
- To redeem a lost animal.
- To bring a stray animal to our facility.
- An animal that must be under bite quarantine.
- Heart 2 Heart or Franke Fund applications.

All adoption applications must be filled out ahead of time. We strongly recommend that all animals in your household be licensed, City of La Crosse residents can license at the time of adoption, before applying for a pet. We will process them and call to schedule an appointment to meet animals if a potential adopter is given a general approval. To fill out an application, please visit our website: <https://www.couleehumane.com/adopt-an-animal> and email the completed application to: [crhsanimals@yahoo.com](mailto:crhsanimals@yahoo.com) or, for those that do not have access to email, you can

pick up a blank application from the holder out front of our building and drop the completed application off in the same location. We strongly recommend that potential adopters wait to submit their application for a specific animal until they are able to take home same day to prevent having to schedule a second appointment. All health exam deadlines in our adoption contracts will be extended from our normal two week check ups to a month.

In order to help get animals into their future homes faster, we will be cutting all current adoption fees 50% from March 18-April 1. This applies to all animals that are available for adoption.

Our Foster Coordinator will still be utilizing our foster program for animals in our care. If you are interested in joining our foster program, please contact our Foster Coordinator, Arika, at [arika.arndt@couleehumane.com](mailto:arika.arndt@couleehumane.com). We are always happy to add to our foster family!

At this time, we will be postponing a few of our programs until a future date. These programs are:

- SNAP
- Humane Education
- Volunteer Interviews & orientations
- Nail Trims & Soft Paw applications
- Puppy Play Parties

If you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to call the Coulee Region Humane Society at 608-781-4014. Please be advised that due to reduced staff, we may be experiencing increase call volumes. We appreciate your patience during this time and will keep you updated if anything changes in the future. We will be following the recommendations of local health departments, the Wisconsin Department of Health and the CDC.