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Animal Shelter Temporarily Suspends Canine Intake

Citing an increase in dogs exhibiting upper respiratory illness, Adams County Animal Shelter Executive Director Eva McMickle-DeTolve is suspending canine intake for two weeks. The intake and adoption of cats is not affected by this temporary suspension of canine intake.

Test results provided by an outside laboratory revealed that one dog in the care of the county animal shelter tested positive for bacteria called strep equi zooepidemicus, which causes severe pneumonia. “Strep Zoo,” as it is commonly called, is increasingly common in animal shelters.

“The shelter is aggressively treating all dogs currently in our care in order to manage this situation,” said McMickle-DeTolve. “We are fortunate to have a strong partnership with other metro-area shelters who have agreed to help with intake needs for the next couple of weeks.”

During the temporary canine intake suspension, stray dogs located in unincorporated Adams County will be sent to Aurora Animal Shelter. Intake of all other stray dogs will be handled by Denver Animal Shelter. Owners who wish to surrender their dogs are advised to take their animal to the Denver Dumb Friends League.

The Adams County Animal Shelter is open from Noon – 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sundays. It is located at 10705 Fulton, Brighton, CO. For more information, visit our website at www.adcogov.org.

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