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Press Release: Billings Animal Control to Assume Shelter Operations
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Billings Animal Control to Assume Shelter Operations
Beginning July 1, 2026**

Community partnership and patience requested during transition period

Beginning July 1, 2026, Billings Animal Control will assume operations at the Animal Shelter located at 1735 Monad Road. This transition represents an important step in the City's commitment to animal welfare and public safety, and we are grateful to the entire Billings community for your ongoing support.

We understand that transitions like this can raise questions, and we want to be as transparent and communicative as possible. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work to establish seamless operations and continue serving both animals and residents of our community.

Operational Adjustments

As we settle into this new role and work to ensure the highest quality of care and service that we can offer, please note the following:

- **Stray animal drop-offs are not available at the shelter at this time.** We appreciate your understanding as we build capacity.
- **Live trap issuance is temporarily suspended during this transition period.**

Found a Stray Animal? Here's How You Can Help

If you have found a stray animal and are able to safely provide temporary care, you can make a real difference in that animal's life. We encourage you to leverage the power of our community by posting on social media and neighborhood group platforms to help reunite the animal with its owner. A quick post with a photo and location can work wonders!

If you are unable to temporarily house a stray animal, please reach out to one of the several dedicated private animal shelters and rescue organizations that serve the Billings community. These organizations are invaluable partners in our shared mission of animal welfare.

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Emergency Animal Control Services Continue Uninterrupted

The safety of Billings residents remains our top priority. Animal Control Officers will continue responding to vicious animals and animals that pose an immediate danger to the public. These critical services are not affected by the transition.

Missing or Impounded Pet?

If your pet is missing and you believe it may have been impounded, please call us at (406) 657-8226. Visits to retrieve impounded animals will be **by appointment only**.

A Reminder on Responsible Pet Ownership

As always, we encourage all pet owners to:

- Spay and neuter your pets.
- Keep pets on a leash or otherwise under your control when outdoors.
- Follow all applicable City of Billings and State of Montana animal laws.

Animal licensing information will be by appointment only, please call 406-657-8226 to schedule.

We are deeply grateful for the compassion and dedication this community shows toward animals every single day. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work through this transition, and we remain fully committed to serving the people and the pets of Billings.

Questions can be directed to;

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