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BOONE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER TO HAVE NEW OPERATING HOURS

Starting January 5, 2009 the Animal Shelter will offer extend hours

BOONE COUNTY, KY — When the Boone County Animal Shelter opens for the New Year on January 5th they will have new extended operating hours. The Boone County Animal Shelter will be open for adoptions on Monday 12-6 p.m., Tuesday 12-8 p.m., Wednesday 12-4 p.m., Thursday 12-6 p.m., and Friday 12-8 p.m. The Administrative offices will open Monday – Friday at 10 a.m.

According to the Shelter’s Director Beckey Reiter, “Many adopters and pets owners say they can’t get to the shelter during current business hours because of their work schedule.” Reiter went on to say that in an effort to respond to the residents demand the shelter will open later in the morning and by close the four hours of operation on Saturday’s. These changes will enable the shelter to be open later when people are more likely to visit the shelter to adopt animals.

The new operating hours will also address personnel shortages the shelter has been facing. For several years, the shelter has used animal control officers to care for the animals in the shelter making it difficult for these officers to respond to the more than 3,500 animal related calls received by the department each year. This change will help allow the shelter’s control officers will be able to better respond to the public health and safety issues.

Reiter said, “Our hope is we will be more accessible to return lost pets, increase adoptions, improve field service calls and increase revenue - we are always thinking of new ways to improve our services.”

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