

In order for the Humane Society of Whitley County to continue helping the homeless animals of our county, we are putting the following the restrictions in place due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. We will revisit these restrictions as the situation develops.

- At this time, we ask that visitors are only those who are seriously interested in adopting and starting the process. If you are only looking or just beginning the process, we ask you check out available animals online (hswc.org, Facebook, Petfinder.com) and call with any questions (260-244-6664)
- Adoptions will be by appointment only. If you have submitted an application to adopt, we will call you to set up a pick up time once approved.
- To keep our population as low as we can (in the case that our team is out sick) we will avoid any non-emergency intakes. No owner surrenders at this time. If you find a stray animal and are able to keep it for a period of time, this would help too. If not, please call before coming to relinquish it.

It's important to know that, to date, there have not been any cases of dogs or cats becoming sick with the new coronavirus, COVID-19. There is also no evidence of people catching the virus from companion animals. However, it's always a good idea to wash your hands after being around animals.

- Our team uses disinfectant effective against this throughout the shelter and high-touch areas are being cleaned daily.
- There are hand washing stations and hand sanitizer throughout the shelter. Any visitors to HSWC are encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize. Anyone with any symptoms or signs of illness should please stay home.
- HSWC is asking employees and volunteers who are sick to stay home. We are also reminding our team to practice good hygiene.
- HSWC encourages all pet-owners to have an emergency plan in place for their pets. Make sure pets are wearing proper identification, have crates and extra food or supplies on hand, and identify a trusted family member, friend or pet sitter who can care for your pet if you become ill or hospitalized.

We understand times could be hard in the coming weeks for some people. If you need help with pet food, please feel free to reach out for assistance.

We encourage you to monitor our website and social media channels for regular updates. We appreciate your cooperation as we move through this together as community.