

The City of Alpine Animal Services would like to update our residents on the procedures we currently take to keep a safe and healthy environment here at our shelter and what we are doing with our current status of shelter in place. I would like to state that our shelter is still not accepting animals from outside of the Alpine city limits and are only accepting animals for surrender in extreme emergency situations. What has kept our numbers low in the last several years has been animal transports and this has come to almost a complete stop while our country is dealing with this issue.

Current hygiene practices already in place:

- The shelter is cleaned at least twice a day using bleach, Biodent ND32 (a disinfectant germicidal detergent) diluted spray, Wysi Wash capsules (calcium hypochlorite) for our runs, Clorox/ Lysol disinfecting wipes.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located in every room as well as by the exit to our outside dog runs and front lobby.
- All employees and volunteers are encouraged to wash their hands frequently and practice healthy hygiene before and after entering the shelter. This has already been in place to decrease the spread of disease from one animal to the next.
- Counters and other surfaces are wiped off daily

Our plan as of 4/1/20 compiled through research on what other shelters are doing and what we believe will work for us (subject to change):

- Work with the Alpine Humane Society to gather a list of fosters in the case we are in need of emptying our shelter
- Continue to practice healthy hygiene.
- Decrease intakes by, limiting to only stray pick up within the city limits of Alpine.
- With the help of the Alpine Humane Society, continue promotion for adoptions to decrease shelter numbers.
- Securing the facility meaning all traffic will be by appointment only. Our doors will be locked so if you decide to come to the shelter to get your pet or adopt you will be asked to call the shelter line 432-837-9030 or the Police Department 432-837-3486 to enter, we will still be here during our regular business hours to assist you.
- If you are not comfortable coming to the shelter to pick up an animal we will come to you, using social distancing precautions. Please do not leave your animals at the shelter if they end up in our custody, please call and let us know what you are comfortable doing in order to get your pet home.
- Cremation services will continue. We can pick up from the veterinary clinics or from a residence in town. Ashes can be mailed as well for a \$15 charge or delivered within the city limits.

Links: <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-faq#get>
<https://www.animalsheltering.org/COVID19>
<https://blog.humanesociety.org/2020/03/hsus-partners-release-coronavirus-tool-kit-for-shelters-authorities-say-no-evidence-of-pet-to-human-transmission.html>

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns and I would be happy to help you to the best of my ability. 432-837-9030/ 432-837-3486

Sincerely,
Jennifer Stewart
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