



## Public Information Release: Operations at the Azle Animal Shelter Curtailed until Further Notice

Azle Animal Shelter operations is being hampered by an outbreak of an unknown disease affecting a number of canines at the facility. The affliction, which causes the animals to sneeze and cough, has continued to spread despite extraordinary efforts of the shelter staff over the past few days to clean and disinfect the shelter.

The animals are quarantined, and all the animals are currently under a veterinarian's care. The animals first exposed appear to be improving with antibiotics. We are optimistic they will all recover.

However, until the situation has fully stabilized, the following actions will be taken:

Azle Animal Shelter will be closed for adoptions until further notice;

No voluntary surrenders of pets will be accepted;

Members of the public will not be allowed to visit the shelter to avoid further spread of the disease.

Animal control services in the city will continue uninterrupted. Citizens viewing strays or having other concerns regarding animals may call Animal Control or the Azle Police Department.

When all services have been restored at the shelter, or if further developments occur, the public will be informed with a supplemental news release.

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