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WHO: Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/Fresno County Humane Society (CCSPCA)

WHAT: Organization Limits Services Due to California's "Shelter in Place" Order

WHEN: Saturday, March 21, 2020

WHERE: CCSPCA, 103 S. Hughes Ave., Fresno, CA 93706

WHY: Effective March 21, 2020, CCSPCA is suspending and limiting many of its services, educational programs and vaccination clinics in compliance with California's "shelter in place" order.

These changes will remain in effect until further notice. CCSPCA staff is closely monitoring the situation and constantly reassessing protocols and next steps.

Essential staff who directly care for the well-being of the animals will continue their work on-site.

As the City of Fresno's Animal Control Service provider and an essential city service, the following CCSPCA operations will not stop:

- Pick-up of stray dogs (loose or confined), deceased animals, sick/injured cats
- Pick-up of owner deceased animals only if owner does not have transportation
- Emergency calls for all animals – wildlife or domestic
- Pick-up of owner requested euthanasia only if animal is sick, injured, and owner does not have transportation
- Bite quarantines
- Humane investigations

The following shelter services will continue by appointment only until further notice:

- Stray animal drop-off and reclaims. Call 559-233-7722 x111 for assistance.
- Owner surrenders and cremations. Call 559-233-7722 x116 for assistance.
- Adoptions. Call 559-233-7722 x119 for assistance.
- Fosters. Call 559-233-7722 x118 for assistance.
- Rescues. Call 559-233-7722 x223 for assistance.

****Note:** Appointments are not needed for any sick or injured animal drop-offs.

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For more information please contact

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The following services will be suspended until further notice:

- Vaccination clinics
- Spay/neuter surgeries for the public
- Enforcement of the following:
 - Licensing
 - Complaints of excess animals
- All education activity
- All volunteer activity
- All events
- Off-site adoptions
- Non-emergency stray cat pick-up
- Non-emergency owner surrender pick-up
- Gift/Pet Supply store
- Public use of training yard
- Intake of healthy wildlife

CCSPCA also encourages people who find a stray animal to download [FindingRover.com](https://www.findingrover.com) to reunite lost pets with their families.

“We are living in unprecedented times, and our staff will continue to follow our mission of ensuring the animals of our community are cared for,” said Linda Van Kirk, CCSPCA Executive Director.

“Generous donors fund CCSPCA, without whom, we could not provide the necessary services to the animals of our community. If you can, please donate so we can continue to care for the animals within our community.”

Although the CCSPCA is contracted to conduct Animal Control Services and Rabies Control Enforcement within Fresno City, the organization is not federally, state, or locally funded and does not receive aid from any national organization (including the ASPCA).

CCSPCA asks the public to refrain from visiting in-person to make donations of goods or food. Monetary donations are the most helpful at this time and can be made at [ccspca.com](https://www.ccspca.com).

Additionally, it is of the utmost importance to maintain proper hygiene habits when caring for pets – wash hands before/after handling, clean their food/water dishes frequently, and keep their surroundings clean.

Though animals are not at risk for this disease, CCSPCA urges pet owners to have plans in place for how to care for their animals. Please consider what supplies will be needed during the shelter in place orders:

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- 3+ days' supply food & water
- Pet food dishes
- Litter box with litter (if you have cats)
- Extra leashes & collars
- Vaccination & medical records
- 2 weeks medication (if applicable)
- Photos and descriptions of each pet
- Pet first aid kit and pet first aid book

For updates and announcements visit ccspca.com or follow the [Facebook page](#).

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