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The SPCA Cincinnati Closed to the Public to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Cincinnati, OH – Due to the critical state of the public health crisis, the **SPCA Cincinnati** will close its doors **TO THE PUBLIC** effective immediately **Sunday, March 15, 2020**, and will remain closed until further notice (most likely until March 31, 2020).

Jake White, President & CEO of the **SPCA Cincinnati**, stated, “It is our priority to protect and care for the lives of the animals within our facilities. In order to ensure that this happens, we must place the safety & wellbeing of our team members in the forefront. We must care for our caregivers.”

The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that there is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus can be transmitted between humans and pets. In addition, there have been no known cases of exposure to the coronavirus at The **SPCA Cincinnati**. The **SPCA** will continue to operate in accordance with Ohio state government mandates with an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

This decision reduces the potential for cross-contamination of the virus in and out of our shelters. This permits our team to focus on our animal's health, mental enrichment and overall sanitation of their temporary home will at the **SPCA**. **The Sharonville location (11900 Conrey Road) will no longer accept owner surrenders during the closure**. Please, do what is in the best interest of your pets until the **SPCA** can resume facilitation in the near future. **The Northside location (3949 Colerain Avenue) will accept owner's seeking the redemption of their stray pets by appointment only, between 12p.m. and 2 p.m.**

The **SPCA**'s Dog Warden Officers will continue to patrol the county and respond to emergency calls from our community. All reports must be submitted by dialing: **513-541-6100**. It is the only way to ensure that an incident can be addressed timely & effectively. Additional contact information is listed on spcacincinnati.org. Thank you for your support and consideration during this uncertain time.

For more information, contact the **SPCA Cincinnati**'s Public Information Officer - Nyketa Gaffney at ngaffney@spcacincinnati.org or 513-526-3767.

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