

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner Announce Reopening of Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center

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## ***Town extends adoption, spay, neuter and vaccination fee waiver until end of year***

**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine has announced that the Brookhaven Town Animal Shelter and Adoption Center reopened today after being closed since August 29 due to an outbreak of ringworm. All the animals housed at the shelter have been tested and preventative measures were taken by treating all animals for ringworm, not just those who tested positive. The entire shelter has been cleaned and disinfected, and was given a clean bill of health last week by staff personnel at the shelter. A total of four dogs and 25 cats were euthanized as a result of the outbreak.

"All animal shelters run the risk of ringworm because so many of the animals that are brought in are strays. I commend our staff for taking action to control the spread of the disease and make the shelter once again safe for the animals and staff," said Supervisor Romaine. "Our shelter is unique among other municipalities because our policy is to promote adoption, not euthanasia. As a result, we are dealing with an overcrowding situation that can only be remedied through adoptions and redemptions."

To encourage residents to adopt a dog or cat from the shelter and to make up for lost time due to the closure, Supervisor Romaine and the Town Council adopted a resolution at the October 1 Town Board meeting to extend the adoption, spay, neuter and vaccination fee waiver until December 31. The resolution was sponsored by Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner, who serves as the Town Board Liaison to the shelter.

"Every animal at the shelter deserves a home and a loving family," said Councilwoman Bonner. "Many have been there for a year or more, and by waiving the fees through December, we are encouraging animal lovers to find it in their hearts to bring a furry friend home and help reduce the population at the shelter."

Normal adoption fees range from \$5.00 for a dog that has not been neutered or spayed; \$10.00 for a dog that has been neutered or spayed; \$15.00 for a cat that has not been neutered or spayed and \$20 for a cat that has been neutered or spayed. Along with the adoption fees being waived, the Town will also waive the cost to neuter, spay or vaccinate any adopted dog or cat. The Town will also continue to issue free licenses for adopted dogs.

Those who are interested in adopting a pet should visit the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is closed on Sundays.

For more information about adopting a pet, please visit the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, call 631-286-4940 or go to [www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter](http://www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter).

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