**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Decatur Animal Services – Updated Visiting Procedures**

Effective today, March 17, 2020, Decatur Animal Services will be temporarily providing service to the public by appointment only.

While our facility will still be operational, DAS will have slight modifications as listed below:

* **We will leave our main contact number on our front door and on our Facebook page – contact us as you normally would.** Adoptions and other arrangements can be discussed, after contact is made with our front desk staff.
* **Animal Control Officers will continue to be dispatched via Morgan County 911.** Our officers will limit animal intakes to emergencies and severe cases. Strays and owner-surrendered animals will be received based upon availability.
* **We will temporarily postpone normal volunteer activities and assistance until further notice.** Select volunteers may be subject to optional service, in the event of full-time staff reduction from illness.
* **We will not temporarily kennel the household pets of those diagnosed with COVID-19.** We ask that pet owners take this time to create plans for the care of their animals and prepare in advance for any situation that they may face.