

Columbus Animal Care and Control

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PRESENTATION AGENDA

- Veterinarian Search - Where we are
- Medical Assistance - What we are doing
- Zoonotic Diseases - Parvo/Distemper
- GA Counties - Closed due to disease
- Department of Agriculture Policies
- Cleaning Protocols
- Vaccinations - Why
- ACC - Play Area
- ACC - Hours of Operation
- Type of Calls Handled
- Current Status of ACC Shelter



VETERINARIAN
SERVICE
PROVIDER
SEARCH

- Veterinarian Search/Job Announcements
 - CCG Website
 - GVMA (Georgia Veterinary Medical Asso)
 - AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Asso)
 - In Deed
 - SACA (Sent for upcoming conference ad)
 - GLGPA (GA Local Govt Personnel Asso)
 - GMA (Georgia

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Service Provider - RFP

**Proposed Timeline for
completion.**

September 3, 2024: Received the DeKalb County /Life Line RFP

September 4, 2024: We are actively proceeding with the development of our RFP utilizing this document as our example.

September 13, 2024: Turn over draft RFP to Purchasing for finalizing and advertising of this document. Advertising Date pending no questions or clarifications needed.

September 20, 2024: Advertise for a minimum of 15 business days with all submittals due on the 15th day.

* Contingent upon advertisement in the legal organ (Ledger-Enquirer)

September 27, 2024: RFP Committee confirmed.

October 18, 2024: All submittals received

November 12, 2024: Before Council for approval



VETERINARIAN
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- August 23, 2024 - Individual Letters Mailed to all local Service Providers/Veterinarians.
- MOU w/PAWS
 - Vaccinations Only
 - Medical Care during Normal Working Hours
 - No euthanasia due to capacity issues.
- Medical Care After Hours
 - Private Service Providers - at cost

VETERINARIAN SERVICE PROVIDER SEARCH
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"Truthfully this will be a LOT of work and it would be extremely difficult to take this on "part-time." Hence I stated I would commit to onboarding full time. Once I am on-boarded even for 1 month I am exposed as the new vet and I have to deal with the repercussions of that (possibly life-time). I have a family, small kids..."

~ vet candidate



Zoonotic DISEASES

- **PARVO** – Parvovirus is a disease of the stomach and small intestines, where it destroys cells, impairs absorption, and disrupts the gut barrier. Parvo in puppies also affects the bone marrow and lymphopoietic tissues, and in some cases can also affect the heart.
- **DISTEMPER** - also known as canine distemper, is a highly contagious virus that affects the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems of a variety of animals:
 - Hosts: Dogs, raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes, wolves, mink, river otters, weasels, badgers, and ferrets.



GA Counties

Closed Shelters Due to Parvo/Distemper:

- CW GA/Columbus Animal Care & Control
- NE GA/Athens-Clark County Animal Services
- NE GA/White County Animal Shelter
- NC GA/Clayton County/Jonesboro Animal Control Facility
- NC GA/Ellenwood Animal Facility
- NE GA/Hall County Animal Shelter
- NE GA/NE Ga Animal Shelter
- NW GA/Carroll County Animal Shelter
- South GA/Cordele Animal Services
- SW GA/Albany Humane Society
- South GA/Enigma Animal Services

Union County Animal Shelter temporarily closed to new animals due to Parvovirus outbreak

Medical experts caught the virus and quarantined the animals as a precaution.

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Shelter Closed for Parvo Outbreak

May 6, 2024 | Jefferson Weaver | From Page, Government, Health, Lead Story, News | Comments Off



HIGH POINT NEWS

Outbreak of highly contagious dog virus identified in High Point

by: [Caroline Bowyer](#)
Posted: May 7, 2024 / 06:48 PM EDT
Updated: May 7, 2024 / 10:22 PM EDT

2 South Ga. animal shelters quarantining after dogs test positive for Parvo

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Bernalillo County Animal Care Center recovers from parvovirus outbreak

By KOB

July 18, 2024 - 8:55 PM

Distemper virus, not rabies, is ravaging raccoons, threatening unvaccinated dogs

Published: Jun. 16, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter closed while workers sanitize building after canine distemper cases

By [Bryan Henry](#)

Published: Jun. 26, 2024 at 6:33 PM EDT



TUSCALOOSA, Ala. ([WBRC](#)) - Animal adoptions are on hold at the Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter following two confirmed cases of canine distemper. Two dogs had to be euthanized because of the dangerous virus.

Workers at the shelter continue to sanitize every square inch of the building, normal protocol after learning two dogs there had the distemper virus.

"Right now, we're just focusing on quarantine," said Raquel Kimball.

Kimball is the kennel manager at the Metro Animal Shelter. She says it's hard to say for now whether they've gotten the virus under control, primarily because it costs \$200 to test a dog.

Additional Articles

- <https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099%2824%2900373-6/fulltext>
- <https://www.fox43.com/article/life/animals/parvovirus-outbreak-at-york-county-sPCA-dogs-vaccine-adoption/521-f0945922-c36f-4031-bafc-f1f3bb2751dd>
- <https://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2024/may/22/outbreaks-temporarily-close-two-chattanooga-area/>
- <https://www.walb.com/2024/06/12/parvovirus-outbreak-reported-cordele-shelter-closed/>
- <https://www.midlandtexas.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1425>
- <https://www.dailytrib.com/2024/06/04/hill-country-humane-society-hit-by-canine-distemper-outbreak/>
- <https://baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2024/01/13/dog-distemper-fort-de-soto>
- <https://www.ksla.com/2024/02/09/distemper-cases-discovered-raccoons-shreveport-neighborhoods/>



Comprehensive
Sanitation
Practices

CLEANING CHEMICALS

1. BLEACH
2. WYSE-WASH
3. HOT SOAPY WATER
4. ACCEL- DISINFECTANT
CLEANER

FOR VETERINARY USE
(Hydrogen peroxide base)





Comprehensive Sanitation Practices

- Routine cleaning protocols which include daily disinfection of living quarters, common areas and high-touch surface using veterinary-grade disinfectants that are effective against the parvo virus.
- Detailed processes such as thorough sterilization, complemented by the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure the safety of shelter staff.



Comprehensive Sanitation Practices

- When a positive case of a contagious zoonotic disease is confirmed the following Department of Agriculture cleaning protocols are done:
- Parvo: Quarantined Affected Area/3 days
 - Affected area (s) are cleaned twice a day with Bleach, WYSE-Wash, soap and water.
 - Cleaning protocols are required to be done twice a day for three (3) consecutive days,
 - Affected area must remain vacant while under this quarantine.



Comprehensive Sanitation Practices

- Distemper: Quarantined Affected Area 30 days(s)
 - Affected area (s) are cleaned twice a day with Bleach, WYSE-Wash, soap and water.
 - Cleaning protocols are required to be done twice a day for thirty (30) consecutive days.
 - Affected area (s) must remain vacant while under this quarantine period.

Routine Cleaning Modificat ions

Additional Spade Sets were purchased so that each area has its own spade to scoop fecal matter

Additional bins purchased and placed strategically throughout the kennels for ease of fecal matter disposal

Hose Holders installed in the Quarantine, Isolation and Holding areas to promote better sanitation and safety.

Disposable foot cover holders and foot covers installed at the entrances of kennel areas for staff and patrons to place on their feet before entering the kennel area.



WHY VACCINATE?

INTAKE VACCINATIONS

*BORDATELLA

*RABIES

*DISTEMPER

*PARVO (distinctive
smell)

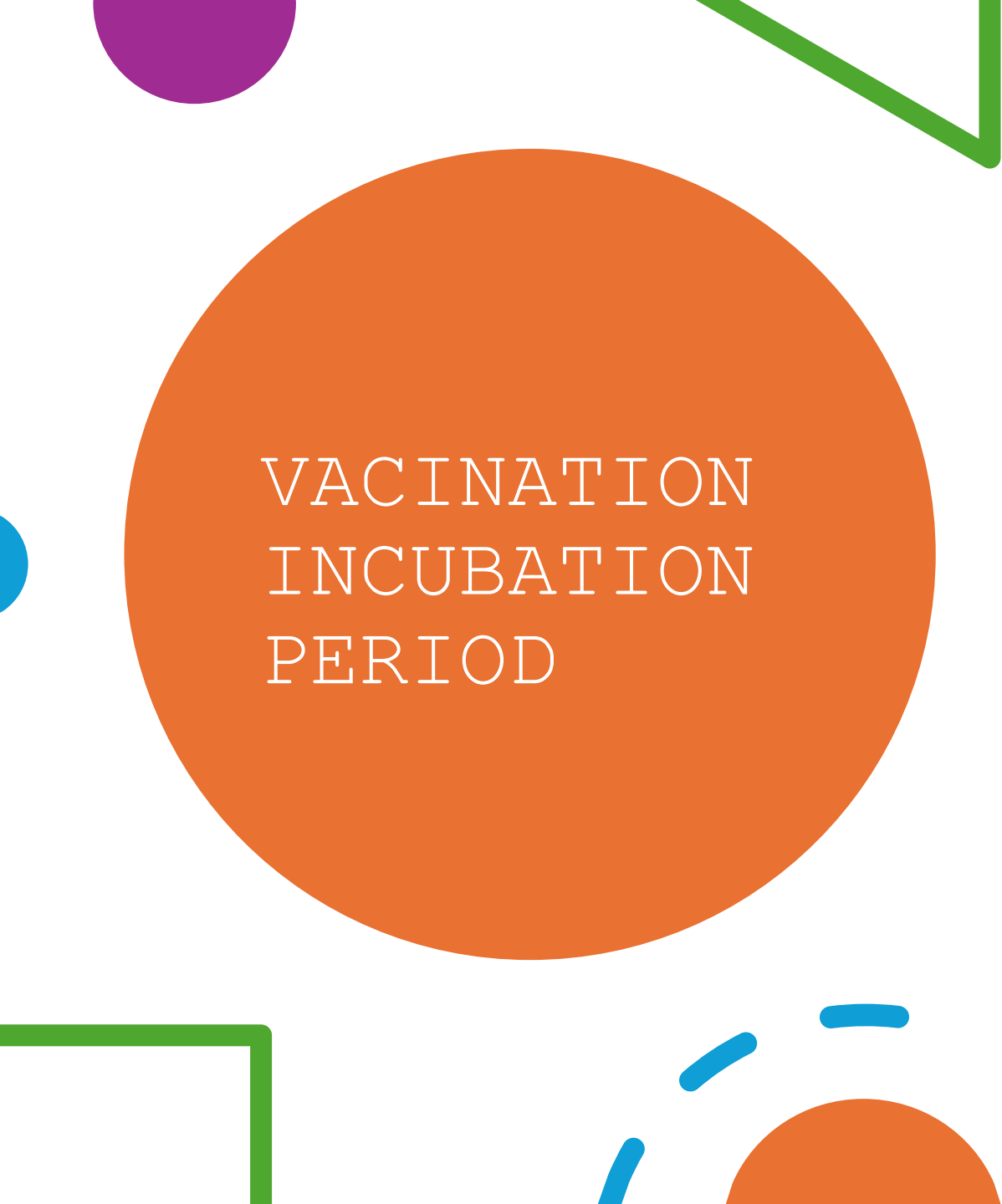
* Deworming process
begins at
intake.

* Hookworms can imitate
parvo with blood
stools but not the
smell

Treatment of Parasites in Animals

Prevalent parasites include fleas, ticks and various intestinal worms such as round and hookworms

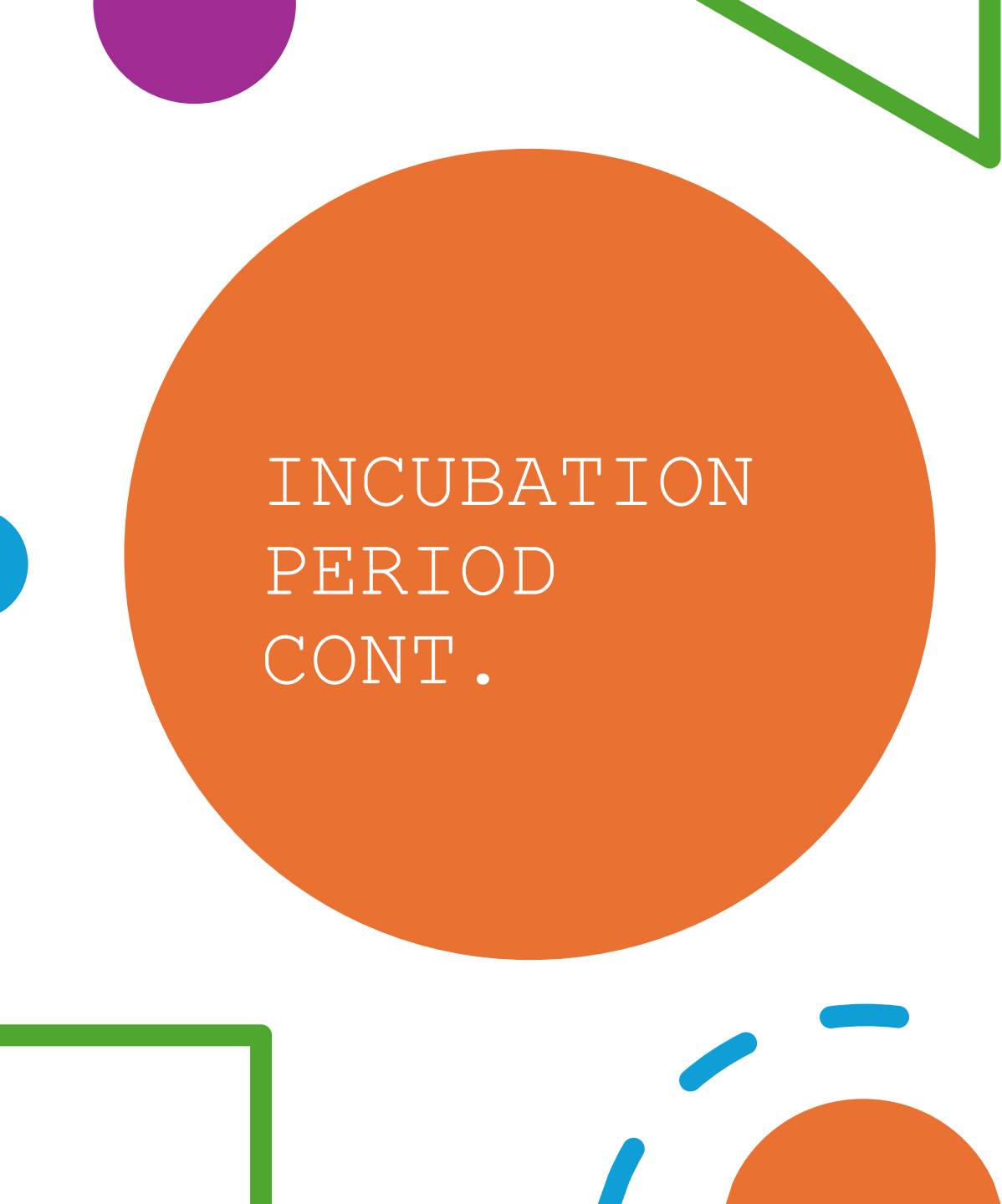
Regular deworming treatments are part of the shelter's health management plan using established guidelines on dosage and administration



VACINATION INCUBATION PERIOD

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- Vaccination incubation period is for two (2) – fourteen (14) days.
- Once animals are vaccinated the incubation period begins and these animals are watched closely.
 - Looking for signs of lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting, loose/uncontrollable/bloody stools.
 - The vaccinations can manifest the disease in



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VACINATION INCUBATION
PERIOD

- If these signs appear, test for Parvo.
- Test kits cost \$88.00 for 5 test
- Results:
 - Positive - Veterinarian direction for treatment to include euthanasia

Animal Control Play Area



At the direction of the veterinarian the use of the play area was closed in July-August of 2023 due to parvo

Why? The Parvo virus can live in the ground for up to nine years. It's a highly contagious virus that can survive in many environments, including soil, carpet, furniture, clothes, and shoes. Parvovirus is resistant to most cleaning products, but bleach is one of the few disinfectants that can kill it. The most effective way to rid the ground of

The Department of Agriculture is visiting the shelter today and will be asked for their input on what is the best approach to address getting rid of parvo in the soil and what measures can be taken to minimize future exposure.



Soil Sample Testing

- Georgia Department of Public Health Environmental Health Section
- Individuals approved to conduct soil investigations:
 - Ellerslie, GA - Geologist
 - Talbotton, GA - Soil Scientist
 - Phenix City, AL - Engineer
 - Columbus, GA - Soil Scientist
- We have left messages to schedule this sampling and are waiting on a return call.

CACC Hours of OPERATION S

CACC temporarily amended hours of operations to the following:

Day of the Week	Current Hours of Operation	Hours of Operation Effective Monday, August 26, 2024
SUNDAY	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
MONDAY	OPEN 10-5	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
TUESDAY	OPEN 10-5	OPEN 1-5
WEDNESDAY	OPEN 10-5	OPEN 10-5
THURSDAY	OPEN 10-5	OPEN 10-5
FRIDAY	OPEN 10-5	OPEN 10-5
SATURDAY	OPEN 10-5	OPEN 10-5

* Dept. of Agriculture Order: due to recent positive Distemper test in the general population run areas (40) kennels. The ACC is not able to process any Intakes or adoptions for the next 30 days.

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CACC temporarily amended hours of operations to the following:

CACC TEMPORARILY AMENDED ITS HOURS OF OPERATIONS TO THE FOLLOW:

MAY 16, 2024 - CLOSED DUE TO PARVO
JUNE 5, 2024 - CLOSED DUE TO PARVO
AUGUST 20, 2024 - CLOSED DUE TO PARVO
AUGUST 26, 2024 - ALTERED HOURS DUE TO STAFFING SHORTAGES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024: CLOSED TO INTAKE/ADOPTIONS DUE TO DISTEMPER

Dept. of Agriculture Order: due to recent positive Distemper test in the general population run areas (40) animals runs. The ACC is not able to process any Intakes or Adoptions for



Types of calls

Injured Animals

All animal bites

Animal to Animal bites / attacks

Animal involved accidents

Cruelty/Neglect/Abuse

Dead Animal Pick-up (Monday
through Friday)



QUESTIONS

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THANK
YOU!