



Department of Animal Services
Julie Bank, Director

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Dear City Partners,

We would like to take this opportunity and introduce our new Director for Animal Services, Julie Bank. Please welcome Julie to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services team.

Ms. Bank has more than 30 years' experience working in animal welfare and control. She has worked in national and local organizations in New York, Arizona, Oklahoma and California. We are excited to have her as a leader for our animal services team.

We also want to let you know that Dr. Allan Drusys will be retiring soon. We are extremely grateful to Dr. Drusys for his commitment to the people and animals of Riverside County and are appreciative of the expertise he brought to the department.

Dr D and I would like to remind you that our dedicated team is working hard to continue our essential and emergency services to the public and to ensure you that the highest quality of care is given to every animal during this time of health emergency. As you know, each day is a new day that comes with new community updates and challenges.

In an effort to protect our employees and the public, effective Thursday morning, April 2nd, our 4 animal shelters will be closed to the public for normal services. Those interested in lost and found services will be able to reclaim their animals by calling our call center at 951-358-7387. The field officers will maintain most services to your community at this time.

Over the next few days, we will be working to find adoptive and foster homes for all available animals in our care. We would appreciate your support by letting your employees and constituents know that they can always help an animal in need. Please see the attached press release which addresses the important service changes and how your residents can contact our facility to volunteer.

We are working hard to be proactive and will continue to communicate with you if we have any changes during this time. Thank you very much for your partnership. Ms. Bank is looking forward to meeting you in person when things get back to normal. In the meantime, you can reach us if you have any needs or questions.

Wishing you, your employees, and constituents continued health and safety.

Sincerely Yours,

Julie Bank

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