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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

Lafourche Parish Government to Host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter

LAFOURCHE PARISH – Please join Lafourche Parish Government for a ribbon cutting at the new Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter. The media is invited to attend at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, to capture video and pictures of the new animal shelter, with a ribbon cutting ceremony taking place at 9 AM. The address for the ribbon cutting is at the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter, located at 934 Highway 3185, Thibodaux, LA 70301.

The previous animal shelter was heavily damaged during Hurricane Ida, and design work for the new shelter began in 2022. The newly constructed shelter was funded by Hurricane Ida bond money totaling \$1.9 million, and is a little over 2,600 sqft. With the new shelter, our dedicated staff can continue the incredible work that helped to achieve a "no-kill" status in 2022-2024, maintaining a 90% live release rate. We remain focused on community-based solutions such as adoption and foster programs, spay and neuter partnerships, accessible veterinary care, and pet food support. The new shelter was built using resilient building materials for longevity of the structure under such heavy use and as an additional line of defense for future hurricane or storm related events. The new building was also thoughtfully placed to connect the many accessory buildings on site. While each building offers a necessary function to the shelter's operation, the location of the new building was intentional to develop the site as a campus and accommodate animal intake, surgery, potential adoptions, public visitors, and staff access. A new parking area facilitates public access, and a larger fenced-in grass yard creates separate public and private outdoor spaces for the shelter. The welcoming environment for those searching for their new pets, and animals in search of their forever home, with bright colors, different material textures in the lobby, and a bench area with windows for viewing into the cat area, while keeping the safety and separation of the staff and public in mind. New outdoor play yards support exercise, socialization and volunteer engagement. The new shelter also utilizes separate mechanical systems to ensure a healthy separation between feline and canine areas.

Thank you to all who contributed to this important project, including animal welfare professionals, our architect DDG, Castagnos Goodwin Utley Engineers, Badeaux Engineers and contractor Onshore Construction. Special thanks to our partners at the ASPCA for the fencing and Petco Love for the furniture and thank you to the community. Lafourche Parish Government can confidently state that the shelter now reflects local needs and encourages public use.

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