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# GRAND OPENING AT NEW ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

FAYETTEVILLE - Cumberland County's new Animal Control Facility has been operational for almost a month, but the Grand Opening for the public is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 17.

Among the festivities associated with the Grand Opening are Tours of the larger and more modern animal control facility, opportunities to adopt a pet, and interacting with the official Animal Control mascot, who will be on hand and officially named on Saturday. Also on tap are educational seminars on wildlife and the Animal Control vehicle, and puppet shows to entertain young children. The Cotton Fire Department will be on hand with their truck to pass out *Save Your Pet* decals, and free training will be offered to the first ten animals adopted on Saturday.

Refreshments will be available on Saturday, including a great big grand opening cake, with other refreshments, including drinks, popcorn and snowcones, being sold for \$1. The concluding event will be a raffle drawing for prizes, the proceeds of which benefit the local Injured Animal fund.

Here's the full Saturday schedule:

**11 a.m.** – Ribbon cutting by Cumberland County Chairman Kenneth Edge, followed by tour of facility.

**Noon** – Tour of facility; wildlife education seminar; dog fighting education seminar; Fire Department *Save Your Pet* advice; animal control truck seminar; puppet show on animal safety.

**1:00 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.** – Tour of facility; wildlife education seminar; dogfighting education seminar; Fire Department *Save Your Pet* advice; Animal Control truck seminar; puppet show on animal safety.

**3:30 p.m.** – The Animal Control mascot's name, chosen from among suggestions submitted by county employees and others, will be announced.

**4:00 p.m.** – Raffle prizes to be awarded. (Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the day for \$1 or 6 for \$5 – Injured Animal Fund is the beneficiary of all proceeds.) Winners need not be present to win.

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