
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Kent County Animal Shelter Closed Friday February 22, 2018

GRAND RAPIDS – The Kent County Animal Shelter will be closed for cleaning on Friday February 22, because a dog at the shelter may be infected with Leptospirosis. This action is being taken out of an abundance of caution. The dog in question is currently isolated and is being observed regularly.

It is important to note that current animal population at the shelter do not face risk of euthanasia because of this possible infection. Leptospirosis is generally well treated with antibiotics. Treatment is most effective when started as soon as possible.

The disease is generally spread in the urine an infected animal.

Transmission of Leptospirosis from dogs to humans is very rare.

For more information on Leptospirosis visit <https://www.cdc.gov/leptospirosis/index.html>

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 265 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and three satellite clinics located in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.

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