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Share the Love: Adoption Fees Waived Valentine's Day Weekend at the St. Mary's County Animal Adoption & Resources Center

Extended Hours Offered February 13–15 to Help More Animals Find Homes

LEONARDTOWN, MD – The St. Mary's County Animal Adoption & Resources Center is spreading the love this Valentine's Day weekend by **waiving adoption fees for all species** from **Friday, February 13 through Sunday, February 15, 2026**.

To accommodate what is expected to be a busy and heartwarming weekend, the Center will **expand its public hours for this event** and will be open from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** each day, Friday through Sunday.

“This is the perfect opportunity to open your heart and home to a new companion,” said Hollis Lampe, Animal Services Division Manager. “By waiving adoption fees and extending our hours, we hope to remove barriers and help even more animals find the loving families they deserve.”

All species at the Center will be eligible for free adoption during the event, including dogs, cats, small mammals, birds, reptiles, and more. Though adoption fees are waived, all regular adoption procedures still apply.

Since opening, the St. Mary's County Animal Adoption & Resources Center has been protecting, advocating for, and providing compassionate care to animals in need. The Center oversees adoptions for a wide variety of animals and works to match each pet with the best possible home.

Walk-ins are welcome; no appointment is necessary. Learn more about the Center and view animals available for adoption at: www.stmaryscountymd.gov/animalshelter. For questions or more information, please contact the Animal Adoption & Resource Center at (301) 475-8018.

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