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## FORT BRAGG ANIMAL SHELTER RE-OPENING UPDATE

The County of Mendocino recognizes the significant need for animal shelter services for the residents and their pets that reside on the coast. To better serve our coastal communities, the County is working diligently to re-open the Fort Bragg Animal Shelter in 2018. The preparation for opening the shelter is being managed in three phases – facility upgrades, staffing and training.

The County has completed the facility upgrades and repairs essential for shelter operation. In the upcoming weeks, the County will commence the staffing phase and Human Resources will begin recruitment efforts for the staffing resources to operate the Coast Animal Shelter. Once staffing resources are in place, Animal Care Services will provide comprehensive training for a 4-6 week training period that will include staff from the Ukiah Animal Shelter. "All of us living on the Coast are looking forward to the day when we can retrieve a lost dog at a shelter here, rather than Ukiah," said Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde.

Re-opening the Animal Shelter has been a long term priority for the County. The County's objective is to open the shelter by the end of the year and provide professional animal sheltering services to residents and pets on the coast.

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