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**HUMANE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW POLICY FOR ANIMAL SURRENDER**

*Dubuque, Iowa, Wednesday, May 06, 2015*—The Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS) is focused on increasing adoptions and decreasing euthanasia. Next in a series of initiatives to achieve these goals, the DRHS will require owners to surrender their pets by calling first for an appointment starting June 2.

By scheduling an appointment time, the staff will have the opportunity to gather important medical and behavioral information on the pet or provide informational resources as an alternative to surrender. Staff will be able to devote the care and compassion that owners and their pets deserve. Scheduled appointments allow the staff to be prepared for the animal's arrival.

“Animal surrender by appointment is just like making an appointment to see your doctor. It allows us to manage the inflow of animals, provide better service to owners and, ultimately, better care of the animals.” said Maria Benham, President and CEO. She adds, “Animal shelters across the nation have moved to this type of admission system with amazing results. We look forward to seeing increased adoptions and fewer euthanasias as they have seen.”

To schedule a surrender appointment, owners should call the DRHS at 563-582-6766.

The DRHS is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the tri-state region since 1901. Every year, the DRHS admits nearly 4,000 cats, dogs and critters. The DRHS is committed to building life-long bonds between people and animals through adoption, humane education, community outreach and animal cruelty prevention.

For more information, contact Maria Benham at 563-582-6766.

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*The Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS) works to protect and promote  
the well-being of all animals by fostering respect for their inherent dignity.*