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ANIMAL CENTER CELEBRATES COMPLETED RENOVATIONS

An open house was held at the [Wake County Animal Center](#), 820 Beacon Lake Drive, Raleigh, on Monday, October 20, 2014, to celebrate the completion of recent renovations. The completed renovations will help staff process animals more safely as well as reduce the spread of sickness and stress among animals.

“One of our goals for 2014 is to promote and protect the health of the community,” said Board of Commissioners’ Chair Phil Matthews. “We are working closely with the Center in order to devise strategies that will increase its live release rate and provide more efficient services. The recently completed Animal Center renovation was one way of accomplishing this goal.”

In October, 2013, County Commissioners approved the appropriation of \$529,970 for the renovation of the Animal Center, and work began in December 2013. The renovations included:

- A dedicated isolated area for dogs with Upper Respiratory Infections (URI),
- An updated dog quarantine room that includes more kennels and safety improvements for staff and
- Partitions in the animal receiving area for a more efficient intake process and decreased stress on cats on intake.

“We are pleased that the renovations have allowed us to save more animals and ensure the safety of our staff,” said Animal Center Director Dr. Jennifer Federico.

For more information about the Animal Center, visit www.wakegov.com/pets.

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