

Animal shelter opening on West Slope

El Dorado County Animal Services expects to move animals and most items from the old facility in Placerville to Diamond Springs between Oct. 12-15.

The new facility, located at 6435 Capitol Ave., will officially open Oct. 16. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm; shelter services, including adoptions and kennel access, will be available Monday through Saturday from 9am-4:30pm.

The new facility will house lost, abandoned and abused animals, including cats, dogs, livestock and small animals. It will also include adoption areas, quarantine areas to safely house sick and injured animals, a barn, pasture areas for livestock and exercise runs for dogs. A public counter will be available for business services, such as obtaining and renewing permits and licenses.

During the move dates, Animal Services will only be open for essential services such as receiving stray animals and allowing owners to reclaim their pets.

Funding for the \$5.7 million shelter came from the county's general fund and tobacco settlement dollars. Local animal welfare groups and citizens also helped raise funds to purchase some needed equipment and other enhancements for the project.