



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Executive Office

SHELTER UPDATE

Nap Time for Dogs?

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter dog kennel areas can be a very busy environment. A lot goes on throughout the day in the dog kennel areas. We have staff members feeding & cleaning, many volunteers walking & socializing dogs and of course all of the daily visitors that are stopping by to see our hairy four legged fun loving creatures.

It is nearly impossible for the dogs in the kennels to fully relax or sleep during the hours of operation. Due to the dogs not being able to fully relax or sleep this causes stress on the dogs in the kennels. When a dog is under a lot of stress it can severely affect a dog's immune system thus making the dogs vulnerable to diseases.

To reduce stress on the dogs and keep their immune systems functioning properly the Mendocino Animal Shelter will be closing the dog kennels to the public & staff members from the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the days of Tuesday through Saturday. This change in procedure will be implemented on Tuesday – April 4, 2017.

This change in procedure was highly recommended & endorsed by the UC Davis Veterinary School of Medicine which was recently on site on March 15th & 16th. Dogs' being able to take midday naps is becoming the normal practice in Animal Shelters throughout the United States.

The Animal Shelter will remain open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for them to view adoptable or lost & found cats or to purchase pet licenses.

If you are looking for a lost dog from the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. a staff member will assist you in looking at pictures of the lost dogs that are confined at the Animal Shelter.

Your assistance and understanding in allowing the shelter dogs to get their nap time will allow them to remain rested and stress free.

Thank you.

Mendocino Animal Shelter