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Fall into Love with ½ Price Adoptions

Throughout the month of November, the City's Animal Shelter is offering a special adoption event featuring reduced adoption fees on all spayed and neutered pets. Adoption hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Every adopted pet will be spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, and microchipped, helping ensure a healthy start in their new home. Call (575) 894-4556 for more information.

Mosquito Surveillance Supports State Public Health Monitoring

Mosquito spraying is extended through November 14 as part of the City's mosquito control and surveillance program. In addition to helping reduce mosquito populations, mosquito samples collected in Sierra County are submitted for testing and surveillance through the New Mexico Department of Health. This monitoring helps track mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile virus, and provides important data used to assess disease activity and public health risks throughout New Mexico. According to the New Mexico Department of Health, West Nile virus has occurred in New Mexico every year since 2003, making local mosquito surveillance an important component of statewide public health efforts.

Fire Department Highlights Rising Cost of Essential Safety Equipment

The Truth or Consequences Fire Department recently provided an update on major equipment purchases and the growing costs associated with maintaining firefighter safety and readiness. The department finalized the purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment totaling $65,250 through a cooperative purchasing contract, including five SCBA airpacks, fifteen 45-minute carbon cylinders, and five Kevlar facepieces. These critical pieces of equipment provide respiratory protection for firefighters operating in structure fires and other hazardous environments.

The department noted that outfitting a single firefighter with all required protective equipment, including turnout gear, SCBA, helmet, boots, gloves, and radio equipment, now costs approximately $25,000. City officials explained that rising prices for safety equipment, along with extended manufacturing and delivery timelines for fire apparatus, continue to challenge departments nationwide. Despite these industry-wide pressures, the City remains on budget for its planned public safety investments and continues to prioritize firefighter safety, emergency preparedness, and reliable service to the community.



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