

MEDIA ADVISORY

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County Officials to Unveil New DeKalb Animal Shelter Expansion at Grand Opening Ceremony

Newly Constructed Facility Enhances Shelter Capacity and Eases Overcrowding

WHO: DeKalb County CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson and the Board of Commissioners, City of Chamblee Mayor Hock and City Council, DeKalb County Animal Services Director Annie Alder, LifeLine Animal Project CEO Rebecca Guinn, DeKalb Animal Shelter Advocates, and Others.

WHAT: DeKalb County officials will host a Grand Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the newly constructed DeKalb Animal Shelter Expansion, located adjacent to the existing shelter. The expansion consists of 10 prefabricated, climate-controlled modular kennel buildings with indoor and outdoor access, each designed to house 12 dogs. This project is funded through the DeKalb County SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) and the Capital Improvement Project with an estimated budget of \$4 million.

The public can watch the Grand Opening Ceremony live on DCTV Channel 23 for Comcast Cable subscribers in DeKalb County or at www.DCTVChannel23tv.

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 17, 2025**
10:30 a.m. (see attached Run of Show)

WHERE: **3280 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road**
Chamblee, Georgia 30341

WHY: The DeKalb Animal Shelter Expansion increases capacity for more dogs and helps ease overcrowding at the main animal shelter, which has been operating beyond its intended capacity since the pandemic. It also marks a significant step forward in strengthening animal care and enhancing the overall quality of life for animals in DeKalb County.

For more information about DeKalb County Animal Services and DeKalb SPLOST visit www.dekalbcountyga.gov.

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RUN OF SHOW
DEKALB ANIMAL SHELTER EXPANSION I GRAND OPENING
DECEMBER 17, 2025 I 10:00 A.M.

Time:	Individual/Activity:	Length:
10:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Networking	30 mins
10:30 a.m.	Lorraine Cochran-Johnson CEO, DeKalb County Mistress of Ceremonies/Opening Remarks	5 mins
10:35 a.m.	Robert Patrick Commissioner-District 1, DeKalb County BOC Welcome	2 mins
10:37 a.m.	Ted Terry Commissioner-Super District 6, DeKalb County BOC Greetings	2 mins
10:39 a.m.	Brian Mock Mayor, The City of Chamblee Remarks	2 mins
10:41 a.m.	Chris Kingsbury Program Manager, DeKalb County SPLOST Project Overview	2 mins
10:43 a.m.	Rebecca Guinn CEO, LifeLine Animal Project Remarks	2 mins
10:45 a.m.	Andrea Seidl Advocate, DeKalb Animal Shelter Remarks	2 mins
10:47 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Program Participants	5 mins
10:52 a.m.	Facility Tours	10-15 mins