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# Shelter for the strays

Animal rescue group advances in mission to reduce county strays

**By Matthew Breazeale**  
Holmes County has an ongoing need to address the constant number of stray animals that roam around. Cue the Jennifer Sterling Brown Animal Rescue (JSBAR) of Holmes County.

The group organized in 2017 and has rescued 1,253 dogs/cats in Holmes County; and transported them to loving homes in the north east U.S. They’ve spayed/neutered 922 dogs/cats that would’ve “otherwise lived miserable lives producing litter after litter of more strays,” according to a fund raising letter sent out earlier in September.

Now the rescue has entered into phase two of its goal of establishing an animal holding shelter in Holmes County.

The shelter’s location is not readily promoted to minimize animal/pet drop-offs or abandonments.

The funds and property were donated by Sharon Ervin and Phil Williamson.

“We’re not the MARL (Mississippi Animal Rescue League),” said Sheila Hammett, JSBAR president, “we hold our animals until they are adopted out, the ones that



Five puppy siblings (four pictured) were waiting for a transport to Maryland on Friday, September 18. They were rescued on Wash Bailey Road.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

are stray. We still are foster based, the people that can foster animals, we want them to foster.”

The facility, a converted storage shed, is set up for short term holding and care



Sally Cohen, JSBAR vice-president and volunteer, shows off her dog-themed face mask.

of county strays when they are located and brought in. Behind the humble shelter, is a closed-in area with a secure metal fence. Five holding cells are arranged in a line with room for more and small open space for exercise.

When a stray is brought to JSBAR, it receives grooming, heartworm medicine if needed and arrangements are made to transport it to a forever home. JSBAR partners with other animal groups in the northern U.S. who adopt out the animals, turning strays into loved pets and companions.

“All animals have to be

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JSBAR’s new holding shelter is suited with a closed in area with five holding pens. The converted storage shed is outfitted with a washing station inside as well.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

# Governor Reeves issues new comprehensive Safe Recovery Order in ongoing effort to ‘flatten the curve’

Press Release

On Wednesday, September 30, Governor Tate Reeves announced his new comprehensive Safe Recovery order as a one-stop resource for Mississippians as we continue to flatten the curve on new COVID-19 cases.

Throughout this pandemic, one of the top priorities for the Governor has been transparency and keeping Mississippians up-to-date on the state’s response. Replacing

the Safe Return order and its amendments, Governor Reeves has combined all social distancing measures into one executive order to ensure understanding and keep people better informed.

“I have always tried to stress the important balance of this time: we cannot allow our system to collapse, and we should not use the heavy-hand of government more than it is justified,” said Governor Tate Reeves. “We

have to tailor our actions to the current threat, and make sure that they do not go beyond what is reasonable.”

The Governor made the announcement at Wednesday’s press briefing.

Under the new executive order, some social distancing restrictions have been eased as our new COVID-19 case numbers continue to improve. A few of the relaxed restrictions include increasing attendance at outdoor K-12 extracurricular events such as football games to 50% of seating capacity, limiting group gatherings when you are unable to social distance to no more than 20 indoors and 100 outdoors, and

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# Memorial walk opens Durant fall festival




Members of the Holmes County Central High School Lady Jaguars basketball team participated in the Coach Jonathan Boyd memorial leukemia walk at the start of the Durant Fall Festival. Boyd was a basketball coach who succumbed to leukemia on March 30, 2015. The festival was held Saturday, October 3 on Depot Street. See more photos from Saturday’s festival on page 6.

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Sunday  
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