

The Animal Rescue League of Berks Calls Code Blue Ordinance for the City of Reading [1]

Press Release

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The Animal Rescue League of Berks County is enacting the Code Blue Ordinance for the City of Reading from 5pm Wednesday (December 14) evening until 8am on Friday (December 16) morning.

In accordance with Bill # 22, an amendment added to the City Code, Chapter 141, Part 2 Animals, Section 205 Caring for Animals in 2015, any person who owns, possesses, or has custody of a dog must bring the animal inside their residence for the duration of the Code, (except for supervised and necessary bathroom breaks and exercise). Additionally, non-compliance can result in the animal being removed by an Animal Control Officer from the property and impounded at the Animal Rescue League of Berks County. Owners will have 48 hours after the Code has been lifted to pick up their animal and will be subject to applicable boarding fees.

Executive Director Liz McCauley says, "The extremely low temperatures predicted for our area over the next few days are potentially life threatening for animals left outside to fend for themselves and we hope city residents take this threat seriously and bring their pets inside."

Any person witnessing an unsupervised dog left outside in the elements within the City of Reading should call the Animal Rescue League of Berks County at 610-587-3659. Due to weather conditions, the ARL may or may not be able to respond to every call.

The Animal Rescue League of Berks County is the only open admission shelter in Berks County accepting more than 6,000 animals annually. The shelter runs at maximum capacity throughout the year, providing adoption programs, spay/neuter clinics, community outreach, education, animal welfare investigation, and more. The ARL's mission is to impact all aspects of humane treatments of animals through quality service, accommodation and education of pet owners and the community.

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