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Howard County Animal Control to Hold Grand Opening *Renovated Facility Offers New Programs and Services to Public*

- Who:** **James N. Robey**, County Executive
William J. McMahon, Chief of Police
Deborah Baracco, Animal Control Administrator
Ann Selnick, Animal Advocates of Howard County
- What:** Howard County Animal Control Grand Opening Celebration
- When:** Monday, Oct. 23, 1:30 p.m.
- Where:** Howard County Animal Control
8576 Davis Road
Columbia, Md.

After more than two years of renovations, the Howard County Animal Control facility will officially open its new doors to the public Oct. 23. While the facility has been open and functioning since renovations began in March 2004, the event will formally unveil updated structural and landscaping changes, as well as a host of new programs that are now possible because of upgrades to the facility. The new programs allow for better care of animals, improved education for the public and an increased likelihood that animals will be adopted.

The event will be hosted by the Howard County Police Department, which oversees the facility, and will include remarks from County Executive James Robey, acting Police Chief William McMahon, Animal Control Administrator Deborah Baracco and Animal Advocates President Ann Selnick.

The event will be open to the public and will include tours of the facility and animals available for adoption.

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