



Shelters face crucial drug shortage: ; Euthanasia serum in short supply across nation



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LAUREL CREEK - Yelping and yapping, they squirmed in their wire cages, seeming to beg for freedom. But the dozens and dozens of dogs and cats locked up at the Fayette County Humane Association's filled-to-capacity animal shelter aren't going anywhere soon. And officials can't accept any more. Supplies of their euthanasia serum, used after five days of incarceration, have run out.

Adoptions were an option, before dog warden Earl Pauley halted them. He's almost sure the fatal canine disease parvovirus has taken hold in the crowded shelter because many animals have been there so long.

"Since we don't have the euthanasia agent, we can't deal ...

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