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Animal Shelter to participate in Clear the Shelter event *Aug. 15 event will highlight mass adoption push*

MURPHY (July 29, 2015) The Murphy Animal Shelter is participating in the area-wide effort to find loving, permanent homes for its current occupants through the Clear the Shelters campaign, says Kim Parker, Support Services Manager.

“Our hope is to place these animals in good homes where they’ll be cared for and treated humanely,” she said. “Pets are important in many ways; they can offer companionship, provide unconditional love, and can help teach responsibility to young children.”

Set for Saturday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Clear the Shelters is a one-day effort by over 40 shelters in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to encourage pet adoptions. Adoptions occurring that day will not incur an adoption fee.

Usual Saturday hours for the Animal Shelter will be altered to accommodate the Aug. 15 event. The Murphy Animal shelter is normally open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

“This effort began last year and was co-sponsored by NBC5 and Telemundo 39,” she said. “During the 2014 event, called Empty the Shelters, over 2,200 animals found homes in the local area. Without this kind of unified effort, adopting that many animals in a seven-hour period would not be possible.”

The effort will include municipal shelters, county shelters and non-profit shelters working in cooperation to place the animals. The television stations will again serve as sponsors for the event this year.

“This year’s 40 participating shelters surpasses last year’s total, and we’re hoping that the number of adopted pets also exceeds last year’s number,” added Parker. The inaugural 2014 event included 38 shelters in the area.

The Murphy Animal Shelter is located at 203 North Murphy Road, directly behind the Murphy Community Center, which is across the street from the Municipal Complex. The shelter is staffed by highly-trained personnel using the latest equipment in temporarily caring for unclaimed animals.

For more information on the Clear the Shelter campaign or the Murphy Animal Shelter, contact the staff at 972-468-4226.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.