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New dog run at animal shelter a gift from residents

MURPHY (February 16, 2016) Murphy residents have stepped forward and demonstrated an enduring appreciation for the plight of animals by financing the construction of a dog run at the City of Murphy Animal Shelter, says Police Chief Arthur “Trey” Cotten.

“The Murphy Animal Shelter, paid for by Murphy residents and businesses, is a state-of-the-art facility that meets our needs quite well,” he said. “It replaced an aging and inadequate facility that did not necessarily reflect the community’s commitment to the humane treatment of animals.”

Murphy’s Animal Shelter was opened on Oct. 25, 2014 and elevated the care and temporary shelter of stray animals and those being offered for adoption.

“The shelter is one which we are very proud of,” said the Chief. “It is not only staffed by professionals on a full-time basis, but many residents are also committed to the shelter as regular volunteers. That, in itself, demonstrates that Murphy residents are aware of our responsibility to members of the animal kingdom.”

What the shelter lacked, however, was an adequate place for dogs and other animals to safely and securely be outdoors without a leash. Also lacking was a suitable location for potential pet adopters to interact with the animals they were contemplating on adopting.

Animal Shelter officials have been accepting donations from Murphy residents since the shelter’s opening. Residents who have chosen to provide additional funding for the upkeep of the shelter’s furry tenants have been generously contributing at various levels.

The result of that generosity has been the funding of the construction of an enclosed dog run, essentially a fenced pen with enough room for vigorous activity. Built at a cost of \$5,295, the enclosure adds an additional dimension to the shelter’s amenities.

Dogs, cats and other adoptable animals are available for viewing and “interviewing” at the animal shelter during working hours. Costs associated with an adoption vary, depending on the needs of the animals.

“We very much appreciate the generosity of the residents of Murphy,” he added. “The animals we harbor will make good use of the new facility.”

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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.