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Lee County pet adoption campaign aims to get pets “Home 4 the Holidays!”

Fort Myers, Florida, Nov. 24, 2015 — Lee County Domestic Animal Services will join thousands of pet shelters and adoption centers across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, during Home 4 the Holidays 2015, a national event organized to raise awareness of the joys of owning shelter-adopted pets. Organizers hope to match more than 1.5 million dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens with loving, adoptive families. During December, Animal Services’ goal is to place all the pets from its facility into life-long homes by Dec. 23. Adopters will receive a free gift with each adoption plus a package with pet food and coupons courtesy of Blue Buffalo while supplies last.

The adoption fee for all pets includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, de-worming, heartworm test for dogs six months or older, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, Behavior Help Line, Microchip Pet ID, and a 10-day Health Guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

In the past, some shelters have discouraged families from adopting pets during the holidays. Historically, however, this did not stop them from getting new pets and, turned away from adoption, many chose to support the puppy mill industry. As always, Animal Services works to match the needs of the pets with the lifestyles of the families regardless of the time of year.

Adoption hours at Animal Services are 10:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Saturday. The shelter will be closed December 24, 25 and 31. For more information call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). Pet information and pictures of pets available for adoption can be viewed online at www.LeeLostPets.com. Adoption applications also may be submitted online. The website updates hourly.