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Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter (WPCAS) prepares for third annual Clear the Shelters event

Largest joint adoption event in North Texas will be held at the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter (WPCAS) for the third consecutive year.

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas – The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter (WPCAS) will host the third annual Clear the Shelters event, located at 403 Hickory Lane. The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 23.

During this one day event, adoption fees are waived in an effort to clear the shelter of all adoptable pets. All adoptions will include the animal's spay or neuter, core vaccinations including rabies, microchip, collar and other giveaways.

"From puppies and kittens to adult dogs and cats, there is a match for everyone," said shelter manager Ashley Woolnough.

The idea hatched in 2014 when shelter representatives across North Texas gathered to discuss participating in a unified campaign. Within a few weeks, 38 area shelters joined with NBC 5 and Telemundo 39 agreeing to serve as media partners. In 2015, over 67 shelters participated in North Texas, as well as 17 other metropolitan areas across the nation with more than 300 shelters nationwide. This event has turned into the largest adoption event in North Texas history.

"Last year's Clear the Shelter was a great event and we anticipate this year's to be bigger and better as our wonderful community unites together to give these shelter dogs and cats the loving home they desperately need," said volunteer ambassador Cindy Malik.

Patrons who attend the event will also have the opportunity to visit with local vets, learn from local rescue organizations and enjoy free food. Approximately 100 – 175 animals will be available for adoption and the public will be given the opportunity to participate in a pet ownership class for free.

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is an opportunity for everybody in our community to be a part of something big,” said director of animal services Dustin Deel.

In the 2014 campaign, 103 animals were adopted in Weatherford Parker County and 2,273 throughout North Texas. In 2015 campaign, 140 animals were adopted with nearly 20,000 animals adopted nationwide.

Visit the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter or go to ClearTheShelters.org for a full list of participating shelters and detailed information. You can also follow and like the WPCAS social media page by visiting www.facebook.com/WPCAnimal.

Editor's note: High-res images of the Clear the Shelter event logo and WPCAS promotional picture is attached.

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More information on the WPCAS: www.weatherfordtx.gov/animalshelter

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