Fee Waived Pet Adoptions June 25 to July 3 at Metro Animal Care and Control

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Adoption fees covered by generous animal lovers who are Paying It Forward to help 10,000 pets get adopted in just 10 days

Are you looking for a new best friend? Now is a great time to adopt a dog or cat for free. Metro Animal Care and Control is teaming up with Best Friends Animal Society and more than 270 other partner rescue groups across the country to offer fee-waived adoptions, in hopes of finding homes for 10,000 pets in 10 days.

The adoption fees were covered by generous animal lovers who wanted to Pay It Forward and help send homeless dogs and cats home over the summer holiday.

"If you get excited when a stranger pays for your coffee, imagine the joy you'll feel when adopting a pet whose adoption fee has been covered," said Julie Castle, chief executive officer of Best Friends Animal Society.

Getting adoptable pets into homes is crucial this time of year, as each July, shelters across the country flood with dogs and cats. Many of those intakes happen around the July 4th holiday, when, driven by a fearful reaction to fireworks and other loud sights and sounds, pets flee from their homes and end up in municipal animal shelters.

To preview adoptable pets at Metro Animal Care and Control, visit http://petharbor.com, enter 37211 under "Enter Your Zip Code", and select Adopt a Pet. From playful youngsters to sweet seniors, pets from Metro Animal Care and Control are fixed, vaccinated and micro-chipped.

This adoption promotion is part of Best Friends Animal Society's Save Them All campaign to save the lives of dogs and cats in America's shelters. Metro Animal Care and Control is a Best Friends Network Partner. For more information, visit www.save-them-all.org.

Metro Animal Care and Control is committed to the delivery of humane and responsive animal care and control services to and for the residents and animals of Nashville-Davidson County.

MACC works with individuals and organizations across Nashville to help domestic animals find caring homes, decrease over-population of cats and dogs through spaying and neutering, support widespread rabies vaccinations, and promote responsible pet ownership.

About Best Friends Animal Society

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. In addition to running lifesaving programs in partnership with more than 2,200 animal welfare groups across the country, Best Friends has regional centers in New York City, Los Angeles, Atlanta and Salt Lake City, and operates the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals. Founded in 1984, Best Friends is a pioneer in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters nationwide from 17 million per year to about 1.5 million. That means there are still more than 4,100 dogs and cats killed every day in shelters, just because they don't have safe places to call home. We are determined to get that number to zero by the year 2025. Working collaboratively with shelters, rescue groups, other organizations and you, we will end the killing and Save Them All. For more information, visit bestfriends.org.

To become a fan of Best Friends on Facebook, go to Facebook.com/bestfriendsanimalsociety. Follow Best Friends on Twitter (@BestFriends) and Instagram (@BestFriendsAnimalSociety).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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Director, Metro Public Health Department

8·16·2018
Date

Carol Etherington, MSN, RN, FAAN
Chair, Board of Health

8·16·2018
Date

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Talia Lomax-O'dneal
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Date

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Director of Risk Management Services

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Metropolitan Attorney

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