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Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Celebrates "DOGust" with Waived Adoption Fees

Palm Beach County Department of Public Safety's Division of Animal Care and Control (PBCACC) is excited to announce "DOGust," a month-long celebration dedicated to finding loving homes for shelter dogs. To address the increase in the number of abandoned, stray and surrendered animals in recent months and ease overcrowding, the shelter is offering waived adoption fees.

August 1st marks the universal shelter pet birthday, emphasizing the significance of every shelter animal finding a caring home. PBCACC recognizes the importance of this occasion and aims to make a difference for the furry friends in need.

The shelter is currently operating above capacity, which limits the care that can be provided to each animal. To alleviate this strain and give these dogs a chance at happiness, PBCACC urges the community to consider adopting a furry friend locally, rather than seeking a pet from outside the county. Adopting a dog not only brings joy and companionship to the family but also saves a life and opens up space in the shelter for another animal in need.

"During 'DOGust,' we want to remove any barriers to adoption and find caring homes for our wonderful community dogs," said Jan Steele, division director.

For those looking to help their community animals but cannot adopt, PBCACC offers a two-to-six week foster program called Foster2Rescue. Through this program, community members give PBCACC dogs the opportunity to enter the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League Adoption program directly after fostering. PBCACC welcomes individuals and families interested in fostering to email ACCFoster@pbcgov.org to get started. Supplies are provided for free.

To explore the wide array of pets available for adoption or fostering, interested individuals can browse the online gallery of adoptable pets at <https://secure.co.palm-beach.fl.us/snap/home> or visit the PBCACC in person. No appointment needed. Adoption Center hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Adoption fees are waived for all adoptable pets.

PBC Animal Care & Control is located at 7100 Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach, just west of the Florida Turnpike. For more information, please call (561) 233-1200 or visit the website, www.pbcgov.com/animal