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# News Release

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## Animal Shelter once again seeks to ‘Clear the Shelter’ *One-day fee-free adoptions set for July 23*

MURPHY (July 13, 2016) For the third year in a row, the Murphy Animal Shelter will be part of the national Clear the Shelters campaign, aiming to find permanent homes for the domesticated animals under its temporary care.

“We had a wonderful response to our campaign last year,” said Kim Parker, Support Services Manager. “The look on the faces of families who were picking out their new member was extremely satisfying. The staff is very excited about this year’s event.”

Set for Saturday, July 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Clear the Shelters is a one-day effort by shelters around the country, including over 40 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, to encourage pet adoptions. Adoptions occurring on July 23 incur no adoption fee, and in addition, pets are sterilized and given the basic vaccine regimen at no cost to adopting families.

The Animal Shelter’s normal Saturday closing time is altered to accommodate the July 23 event. The shelter is normally open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

“This one-day adoption campaign is now three years old,” she said. “During the initial event in 2014, called Empty the Shelters, over 2,200 animals found homes in the local area. Last year’s numbers easily surpassed that total because more shelters joined in.”

The effort will include municipal shelters, county shelters and non-profit shelters working in cooperation to place the animals.

The Murphy Animal Shelter is located at 203 North Murphy Road, directly behind the Murphy Community Center, which is across the street from the Municipal Complex. The shelter is staffed by highly-trained personnel using the latest equipment in temporarily caring for unclaimed animals.

For more information on the Clear the Shelter campaign or the Murphy Animal Shelter, contact the staff at 972-468-4226.

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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. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27<sup>th</sup> 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.