ADOPT A PET AND CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADOPTION FEE

Suncoast Humane Society Seeks Homes for 170 Homeless Animals

Suncoast Humane Society will give perspective pet adopters the opportunity to name their own adoption fee from now thru Saturday, December 22. The purpose of the “Name Your Own Adoption Fee” special is to find as many homes as possible for the dogs, cats and small critters waiting patiently for new homes at the Society’s Adoption Center at 6781 San Casa Drive in Englewood.

There are currently 65 cats and kittens available for adoption in the free roaming cattery, 40 felines pending medical and behavioral examinations, and another 20 being treated and cared for by dedicated foster home volunteers. The adoption center also has 34 dogs and puppies, along with 13 more canines being prepared for adoption. In addition to these 170 dogs and cats needing homes, Suncoast Humane Society is also trying to place 4 guinea pigs, 8 pet rabbits.

With a concern about impulse pet adoptions for Christmas, Suncoast Humane Society urges potential new pet owners to adopt their pet early so they will be well adjusted to their new surroundings and be able to cope with the hustle and bustle associated with the holidays.

The regular pet adoption fee at Suncoast Humane Society is $85 for dogs and cats, plus the cost of a rabies vaccination and the county’s pet license. The Society is hopeful that adopters will offer at least that much, however, the main intent of the special is to have as many pets adopted as possible so that they can have a second chance for life.

For information and adoption hours, call Suncoast Humane Society at (941) 474-7884 or visit the website at www.Humane.org to view photos of animals currently available for adoption.

About Suncoast Humane Society

Suncoast Humane Society has served animals and people as a regional humane society since 1971. Operating one of Florida’s few “open admissions” animal shelters, no animal in need is ever turned away, regardless of health, temperament, breed or size. Reaching over 450 square miles and 11 communities, the organization’s services reach Charlotte and Sarasota counties, Boca Grande, and beyond. These programs and services are made possible solely by individual donations, wills and bequests and limited grants from foundations. No funding is received from national humane groups or local, state or federal government.

Suncoast Humane Society accepts animals surrendered by previous owners, lost and straying pets, homeless and abused. The organization operates comprehensive adoption program, placing pets from the shelter and from 6 satellite adoption centers, into permanent loving homes. The “Dog about Town” program features adoptable pets away from the shelter, at venues throughout the community. Lost pets are reunited with their families through the Society’s lost and found services.

The Preventive Health Care Clinic provides spay/neuter, microchipping, vaccinations, flea, tick, and heartworm prevention, plus other preventive services at affordable costs. Adoptable shelter animals in
need of extensive and expensive medical care are treated through the “Shelter Angel Program” supported by generous donors. The Society’s No Birth Campaign promotes the reality that spaying/neutering = No Birth = Less Euthanasia.

Thrift stores in Englewood, Port Charlotte and Venice sell gently-used household and other items, donated by the public. All proceeds benefit the programs, services and animal care. Over 300 volunteers assist at the shelter, thrift stores, satellite adoption centers, and with fundraising projects and events.

Pet Therapy teams bring smiles to faces at retirement homes, schools, and health care facilities. The “Doggie Tales” reading program for children is featured at area public libraries.

In addition, the Pet Food Pantry program helps keep pets in their loving homes by providing food assistance for pets belonging to families in need. Suncoast Humane Society also partners with the Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies (CARE) providing temporary housing for pets belonging to abuse victims, and the One More Day Foundation, who provides end-of-life foster care for pets.

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