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Help Us Reach Our Goal of Placing Our Long Term Residents “Diamonds in the Ruff” Adoption Day Adoption promotion for dogs at the shelter over 90 days

Family fun with face painting, snow cone machines, Halloween goodies and more!

Where can you adopt a dog on Halloween Day? The Montgomery County Animal Shelter, located off Highway 242 in Conroe, is having an onsite adoption event on Saturday, October 31st from 10am – 3pm to promote dogs that have remained at the shelter over 90 days. “These are wonderful animals who wait and wait to be picked, and are overlooked time and time again,” states Dr. Patricia Ryan, DVM, Shelter Director.

Currently there are 30 or more dogs that have been at the shelter for over 90 days, and a few of them have been at the shelter since February. “It’s disheartening to see a trained dog sit in a kennel, waiting for their owner to claim them or waiting to go home with a new family, and that day never happens. These dogs wag their tails at the sight of a human. Waiting for months and months is unacceptable, and we want to do something about it,” says Dr Ryan. “We won’t put a dog down just because it has been here too long. We just hope someone will see something wonderful in them and provide them a place to call home.”

The shelter will provide special offers for these dogs so that people will be more motivated to consider an addition to their family. Each adopted dog will have had it’s spay/neuter procedure, vaccinations, a rabies certificate, and a heartworm test, and will be ready to go home!

“We plan to make this a festive event by having a bake sale, a snow cone truck, food and drinks, face-painting and giving each attendee a Halloween goodie” states Marci Glennon, Marketing volunteer for the shelter. Volunteers will develop behavior bios on the dogs and insert on the cages so potential adopters can get a feel for the animals’ personalities. They will then be able to interact with and walk the dog, to see if the animal will be a good fit.

“Many of the dogs we have are owner surrenders. These dogs are house trained, leash trained and are well socialized with other animals and humans,” states Linda Monk, volunteer at MCAS. She says, “It’s so sad to see people surrender their dog, because the dog just waits for the owner to return... but they never do”.

The shelter plans to have micro-chipping services and tag services available at the event as well. “If more people micro-chipped their pets, we wouldn’t have the influx of animals that we do. In fact, most dogs that arrive at the shelter as strays don’t even have a collar. It’s difficult to return an animal to their rightful owner when they have no ID. They obviously can’t tell us who their owners are,” states Dr Ryan.

The shelter’s goal is to adopt out all of the long term residents that day, making more room in the adoption areas for other animals that are in the holding wards.

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About Montgomery County Animal Shelter: Montgomery County Animal Shelter is a county run facility founded in 2002. Striving to be a no-kill organization, MCAS works to find homes and provide care for homeless animals, and to bring people and animals together to make Montgomery County a no-kill community.

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