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Justice of the Peace James Metts Rallies to Help Animals in Need Pet Food Drive Brings in 2,000 Pounds of Food to MCAS

What happens when a compassionate Judge puts the gavel to the community to help animals in need? People rally, businesses rally and the local government rallies to help Montgomery County Animal Shelter feed their animals! On November 8, 2009 Judge Metts drove a truck load of donations to the shelter. He was warmly greeted by Dr. Ryan, volunteers and shelter staff.

“We have such had an influx of puppies, kittens, pregnant mothers, and owner surrenders that our current budget isn’t enough to properly feed all of the animals in our care” states Pat Ryan, shelter Director. She says, “This couldn’t come at a better time, and we are so grateful to Judge Metts for having this food drive”.

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace James Metts held a food drive for MCAS during the month of October at his court location in New Caney, TX. Commissioner Ed Rinehart, Constable Rowdy Hayden, Porter and Splendora Fire Departments and AABY Resale Shop were the collection centers for this effort.

Community Hardware, Sittons Quick Stoop, Kennedy Fab, Jared's Automotive, Stephanie Garza, Splendora Police Dept, Overalls Taxidermy, Overalls Grocery, Eunice Morse, along with other members of the community donated food, money and other supplies needed by the shelter. Over 2,000 pounds of food were donated. This feeds approximately 500 animals over a 2 month period. “This donation will get us over the hump, and enable us to feed the additional animals in our care” cites Dr. Ryan.

“It’s very sad that many of the dogs and cats we have are owner surrenders. The dogs are house trained, leash trained and are well socialized with other animals and humans,” states Barbara Egan, volunteer who helped coordinate the food drive. 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”. This has caused the shelter’s intake numbers to rise exponentially, making it more difficult to stay within the county budget for care, medication, vaccinations and feeding.

“So many people think that surrendering an animal to the shelter is the only option they have to re-home their pet, and it truly should be the last resort”, quotes Marci Glennon, Marketing volunteer. “We have developed an [area](#) on our website to educate the public about options and pet retention, and hopefully the messaging is loud and clear. The shelter can be a terrifying experience for someone’s beloved pet – it should be the absolute last resort”.

The shelter’s goal is to save as many animals as possible by providing spay/neuter services, micro-chip services and promoting our animals for adoption. ***Think of Montgomery County Animal Shelter FIRST if you want a pet as your forever companion.***

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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.