

Press Release

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MCAS Pays Tribute to Extreme Volunteerism by Hosting Appreciation Event 1st Annual event publicly recognizes those who better the lives of shelter animals

The Volunteers at Montgomery County Animal Shelter and the good will in this community have made an enormous impact on the number of animals that are saved, fostered, adopted or re-homed. On any given day, volunteers arrive at the shelter to walk dogs, socialize cats, answer phones, clean kennels, bathe animals, and help potential adopters. On any given weekend, volunteers spend a countless number of hours working at adoption offsite locations to further promote and adopt out our shelter animals. Many volunteers sacrifice family time, holidays, and personal time to better the lives of the shelter animals.

Montgomery County Animal Shelter will hold its first annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on March 10, 2010 from 6 – 8 pm at the George Mitchell Library 8125 Ashlane Way, The Woodlands, TX. “We are excited to recognize our volunteer base, especially those volunteers and non-profit organizations that have truly made an impact to this shelter” states Dr. Patricia Ryan, Shelter Director at MCAS.

Three non-profits will be recognized for the tremendous effort in raising funds and supporting shelter activities.

The Woodlands Dog Park Club has donated more than \$300,000 to the cause of helping homeless animals and is the primary sponsor for the free spay-neuter and vaccinations clinics around the county. “I am humbled by the major fundraising activities this organization does on behalf of the shelter,” states Dr. Ryan. “This group help put in place our adoption program, so we can’t thank them enough” she says.

Friends of Montgomery County Animal Shelter is a non-profit that raises funds for additional medical needs of animals at the shelter. “Many times animals arrive with broken legs, gunshot wounds or injuries and we don’t have the onsite resources to perform the surgeries” states Dr. Ryan. “We always reach out to Friends first for these types of medical cases”. Since 2007, Friends has spent thousands of dollars annually saving sick and injured shelter animals.

Texas No Kill, an organization whose mission is to educate the public on promotion of mandatory spay-neuter legislation to control animal over-population will be recognized for the substantial donations to the shelter’s low cost spay-neuter clinic. This organization fights tirelessly to get the word out to the public about ending the vicious cycle of animal over-breeding. “Texas No Kill has a mission, and we fully support the work they do as it ultimately will reduce the number of animals that end up here” states Dr. Ryan.

The event will be sponsored by Gozzetti’s Pizzeria. All MCAS volunteers and media are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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About Montgomery County Animal Shelter: Montgomery County Animal Shelter is a county run facility founded in 2001. Striving to be a no-kill organization, MCAS works relentlessly to find homes and provide care for homeless animals, and to bring people and animals together.