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Lee County Domestic Animal Services to participate in Clear the Shelters

Fort Myers, FL, Aug. 31, 2021 – NBCUniversal Local and Telemundo are teaming up with hundreds of shelters across the country to host Clear the Shelters, a nationwide pet adoption drive in September 2021 that helps find loving homes for animals in need. More than 551,000 pets have found their forever homes since 2015.

To continue to maintain safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lee County Domestic Animal Services Adoption Center is open 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday by appointment only. The adoption center will feature a Pet of the Day whose adoption fee will be waived with an approved application each day leading up to the event day on Saturday, Sept. 18, when all adoption fees are waived.

To schedule an appointment leading up to or on the day of the event, call 239-533-9216.

Photos and information about lost pets or pets for adoption are available on the agency's website at www.leelostpets.com. Pet info on the website updates hourly. Adoption applications may be completed online. Anyone interested in fostering pets may also obtain an application online.

The adoption package valued at \$600 includes the following:

- Spay/neuter surgery
- Age-appropriate vaccinations
- Rabies vaccination and county license for pets over 3 months
- 10-day pet health check
- Microchip ID
- Feline leukemia and AIDS test for cats
- Heartworm test for dogs over 6 months
- Flea treatment
- Deworming

To view a video about the event, go to <https://youtu.be/61uVqTLTBOY>

About Clear the Shelters:

Clear The Shelters™ / *Desocupar Los Albergues*® is an annual, nationwide pet adoption campaign that is spearheaded by NBCUniversal Local, a division of NBCUniversal. Every year, NBCUniversal Local's NBC and Telemundo owned stations, plus affiliated stations, partner with animal shelters and rescues in their communities to host *Clear The Shelters* events. NBCUniversal Local's *Clear The Shelters* campaign was inspired by a 2014 North Texas pet adoption event hosted by NBC 5 / KXAS and Telemundo 39 / KXTX and dozens of area shelters that resulted in the most adopted pets in one day for North Texas. Since 2015, NBCUniversal Local's *Clear The Shelters* pet adoption campaign has resulted in more than a half million pets finding new homes.