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Irving Announces Empty the Shelter Day Adoption Fee Waived—Saturday, Aug. 16

(IRVING, TEXAS) —Irving Animal Services Manager Corey Price believes there's a match for everyone. From puppies and kittens to snuggly adult dogs and cats, a wide variety of beautiful pets long for a home and a number of people long for companionship.

To fuel matchmaking, the Irving Animal shelter is waiving the adoption fee Saturday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Price proposed the Empty the Shelter Day concept to other Dallas/Fort Worth shelter managers who quickly jumped on the idea.

"Summer is a rough time for us," explained Price. "Over the past two years, our intake numbers have spiked dramatically. We are seeing more and more abandoned animals. These are beautiful pets who would make terrific companions."

Price says the goal is to walk in Sunday morning to an empty facility.

"When people adopt, they save two pets; the one they take home and the one who takes its place," she said. "Shelter adoption is the way to go. These are great animals."

NBC 5 and Telemundo 39 are sponsoring the event because they know how important pets are to people. "People are passionate about their animals. We know that and want to help viewers connect with that special pet," said NBC 5 Community Affairs Director, Nada Ruddock. ASPCA also is a sponsor.

North Texas shelter managers say currently there are 4,000 abandoned animals waiting to be adopted. More than 30 area shelters are participating in the first multi-city, multi-county adoption event in Dallas/Fort Worth history. Visit EmptyTheShelter.org for detailed information. Hours may vary among shelters and other fees may apply.

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Irving is the second city in the nation and the first in the State of Texas to receive the [Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award](#) (2012) as well as the first municipality in Texas' history to receive the [Texas Award for Performance Excellence](#) (2011). Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 227,000 residents and is home to the largest office park in North Texas, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence.

