Farmingville, NY - On January 7, the Town Board voted unanimously to approve an extension to waive all adoption fees at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter until June 30. The action was taken by the Board to encourage residents to adopt a pet at the shelter, which currently houses approximately 110 dogs and 30 cats. The original resolution to waive the fees was adopted in June 2013 and extended to December 31 by the Town Board in October 2013.

"Waiving the adoption fees has helped to reduce the number of animals at the shelter, so it made very good sense to extend it," said Supervisor Romaine. "Overpopulation creates a severe hardship for the animals and a burden on the staff and volunteers. It also increases the cost of care and feeding. Extending the waiver is a 'win-win' for everyone. It makes adoptions free to all residents, saves the Town money and provides a more humane environment for the animals at the shelter."

Normal adoption fees range from $5.00 for a dog that has been neutered or spayed by the shelter; $10.00 for a dog that has been previously neutered or spayed; $10.00 for a cat that has been previously neutered or spayed and $0 for a cat that has been neutered or spayed by the shelter. The cost to spay or neuter a cat is normally $35.00 and $40.00 for a dog. The Town will also continue to issue free licenses for adopted dogs.

Those who are interested in adopting a pet should visit the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven. The center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed Wednesdays), Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 631-286-4940 or visit www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter.