

Brookhaven Animal Shelter to Host "St. Pittie's Day" Event

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Free pet adoptions, gifts and Irish brunch in celebration of St. Patrick's Day

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner are pleased to announce the Town of Brookhaven Animal Shelter will celebrate "St. Patrick's Day" by hosting the "St. Pittie's Day" on Sunday March 18 at the Animal Shelter from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. During the event the Animal shelter will waive adoption fees and serve brunch for those looking to adopt a pet.

"Dori Scofield has done a fabulous job of getting the message out about pet adoption and "St. Pittie's Day" should be another big success," said Supervisor Lesko. "Anyone looking to adopt a dog or cat should go to this event and bring a loving companion animal home with them."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said "Once again, the Animal Shelter is providing our residents the opportunity to find their new best friend at a great event. I encourage everyone interested to stop by, enjoy the brunch, and walk away with a new furry friend."

During the "St. Pittie's Day" event, adoption fees will be waived and there will be a free Irish brunch for guests to enjoy. Residents who adopt a pet at the event will receive a "Pot O' Love" gift bag filled with treats for their new pet. The "St. Pittie's Day" event will also feature trainers, groomers, and veterinarians on hand to speak with those interested in adopting and caring for a new pet.

On February 11 and 12, the Brookhaven Animal Shelter hosted the "Free Love Weekend" to celebrate "Valentine's Day." The event resulted in the adoption of over 20 cats and dogs. In addition, 40 animals who were brought to the event by their owners received free microchipping.

The Brookhaven Town Animal Shelter has been very progressive in launching programs to increase adoption rates and pet retention and get animals spayed and neutered, especially focusing on the large population of Pit Bulls and Pit Mixes at the Animal Shelter.

Last year, the Animal Shelter introduced "Spay it Forward", a program that offers incentives to get animals spayed and neutered. For every Pit Bull that a resident gets spayed or neutered, the owner will receive a voucher to help another needy Pit Bull to receive the same services. The Animal Shelter is also providing free micro-chipping, vaccines, heartworm testing, and collars for anyone who gets their Pit Bull spayed or neutered.

The Brookhaven Bully Alliance (BBA) encourages other animal rescues to adopt Pit Bulls from the Brookhaven animal shelter and find homes for them. Every shelter dog that enters the BBA program is professionally evaluated, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. \$250 goes to each participating organization for the care of the animal.

An affiliate of the Town of Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is the Help the animals Fund. Their mission is to prevent cruelty to animals and to provide sick, neglected and injured stray animals at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter the much needed and deserved medical care that they would otherwise not receive. This fund is supported 100% by voluntary donations, which are tax deductible. The Help the Animals Fund makes programs like Spay it Forward and the Brookhaven Bully Alliance possible.

The Animal Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven, New York, 11719. For more information, call the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 631-286-4940 or visit www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter.

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