

Town of Brookhaven Animal Shelter & Adoption Center Holds 1st Annual Pit-A-Palooza

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Free collar, tag, micro-chipping, and advice from professional Pit Bull trainers for anyone who adopts a Pit Bull

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko has announced that the Town of Brookhaven will hold the First Annual "Pit-A-Palooza" on Sunday, April 10 from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter & Adoption Center located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven. The event is designed to promote a new program, "Spay it Forward", created to help Brookhaven residents receive free spaying/neutering for their Pit Bulls and Pit Mixes. The animal shelter is also encouraging the adoption of Pit Bulls and Pit Mixes that are currently at the shelter. Those who adopt a Pit Bull or pit mix will receive a free collar and tag, free micro-chipping, and on-site advice from professional pit bull trainers. DJs from WBLI radio, along with members of the Guardians of Rescue and the Urban Animal Alliance, will be at the event. There will be food, refreshments, and giveaways for all who attend.

"The Town currently has a large number of Pit Bulls and Pit mixes. By providing spaying and neutering and pet identification for these animals, we hope to begin curbing the amount of homeless Pit Bulls coming into our shelter," said Supervisor Lesko. "We also hope to find good homes for the animals already at the shelter through events like this and newly formed Brookhaven Bully Alliance. I commend Dori Scofield, Animal Shelter Director, for her tireless efforts to help Brookhaven's Pit Bulls."

"There's nothing quite like the unconditional love that you get from a dog and there are so many ready to be adopted." said Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Town Board liaison to the Animal Shelter. "Dori is doing great things at the shelter and Pit-A-Palooza is another example of how much she cares about the animals of Brookhaven."

Dori Scofield, the Director of the Brookhaven Animal Shelter & Adoption center said, "We are trying to get to the root of the problem of homeless Pit Bulls, which is spaying and neutering and identification. There's no excuse not to spay/neuter or micro chip if it is provided free."

If you wish to have your Pit Bull spayed or neutered you must have an appointment. Please call 631-286-4953 (No appointment is needed for free micro chipping).

The majority of the animals at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter are Pit Bulls or Pit mixes. The Brookhaven Bully Alliance (BBA), which was announced earlier this year, encourages other animal rescues to adopt Pit Bulls from the Brookhaven animal shelter and find loving homes for them. Every shelter dog that enters the BBA program is professionally evaluated, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped. The funds to pay participating organizations are provided by the Help the Animals Fund, which is currently accepting donations and will be sponsoring various fundraising events to support this program and others. Residents who would like to sponsor one of the shelter's Pit Bulls can donate by visiting www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter and clicking the Help the Animals Fund link.

For more information about Pit-A-Palooza, please call 631-286-4940 or visit www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter.

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