

Brookhaven Animal Shelter Plans Sixth Annual 'Barktoberfest'

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YAPHANK, NY - Brookhaven Town has announced that the Brookhaven Animal Shelter & Adoption Center will host its sixth annual Barktoberfest dog adoption event at the shelter, 300 Horseblock Road, Brookhaven, on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

"I urge anyone who is looking for a pet to stop by Barktoberfest and adopt one of the many great dogs and cats at our shelter and adoption center who need a new home," said Supervisor Mark Lesko. "Come enjoy the day as we celebrate responsible pet ownership."

"Every fall our Brookhaven Town Animal Adoption Center hosts a fun-filled day known as Barktoberfest," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "Residents can take advantage of protecting the health of their pets by participating in our low cost rabies clinic. Whether you are a current pet owner, want to bring a pet into your family or just want an event for your children to enjoy, Barktoberfest is the place to be!"

Each year, Barktoberfest is held to encourage local residents to "Think Adoption First!" A low cost vaccination clinic will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. for companion animals within Brookhaven Town. The event will also include activities for the kids, including face painting, a petting zoo, demonstrations by the Suffolk County Sherriff Department, and dog contests such as World Class Tail Wagging and Best Animal Costume.

Thanks to a grant from the Petco Foundation, any animal adopted on October 3 will also receive free spaying or neutering. For further information, contact the Brookhaven Animal Shelter & Adoption Center at (631) 286-4940 or e-mail animalshelter@brookhaven.org . Visit the shelter website at www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter .

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