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Memphis Animal Services Receives Rachael Ray Save Them All Grant from Best Friends Animal Society to Help Save Homeless Pets

MAS announces updates to adoption fees aimed at finding homes for most at-risk pets

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 1, 2018 – Memphis Animal Services announced today that they have received a Rachael Ray Save Them All grant from Best Friends Animal Society in the amount of \$30,000 to reduce adoption fees for large dogs and help save the lives of homeless pets living in Memphis and Shelby County.

“This grant allows us to specifically target the most at-risk category of our population in our work finding forever homes for the homeless pets in our care,” said Alexis Pugh, MAS director. “We haven’t had to euthanize for space in the categories of cats, small dogs, or puppies in over a year—our goal with this grant is to hone in on that last category of large adult dogs which we consistently struggle with. We appreciate the support of Best Friends Animal Society in making our large dog adoption focus possible.”

Thanks to this grant, adoption fees for dogs over 30 lbs. will be indefinitely reduced from \$75 to \$40, effective October 1. MAS also announced several other updates to their adoption fees:

- \$40: All dogs over 30 lbs, all adult cats
- \$20: All pets on the urgent list
- \$80: All dogs under 30 lbs, puppies under 5 months old, and kittens under 5 months old

Previously all dog adoption fees were \$75 and all cat adoption fees were \$70. All adoption fees, including discounted fees, include spay/neuter, microchip, vaccines, heartworm test and/or treatment (dogs), FIV/FelV test (cats), collar/leash, and a customized ID tag.

Memphis Animal Services is an active partner in Best Friends Network which offers help and support to animal rescue groups and shelters that save lives in their communities.

“When you choose to adopt your next pet you are becoming part of the solution right here in our community,” said Pugh.

About Memphis Animal Services

Memphis Animal Services offers a wide range of services including the sheltering of lost and homeless animals, pet adoption and placement, spay/neuter programs, handling of animal control complaints & bite cases, dog licensing, cruelty investigations, humane



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education, and more. For more information, visit www.memphisanimalservices.com, call 901-636-1416, or visit the facility at 2350 Appling City Cove.

About Best Friends Animal Society

Best Friends Animal Society is the only national animal welfare organization dedicated exclusively to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. A leader in the no-kill movement, Best Friends runs the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals, adoption centers and spay and neuter facilities in Los Angeles and Salt Lake City as well as lifesaving programs in partnership with more than 1,600 rescue groups and shelters across the country. Since its founding in 1984, Best Friends has helped reduce the number of animals killed in American shelters from 17 million per year to an estimated 4 million. By continuing to build effective initiatives that reduce the number of animals entering shelters and increase the number who find homes, Best Friends and its nationwide network of members and partners are working to Save Them All®.

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