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Aug. 15 was a great day for the Burleson Animal Shelter. We even got someone to sing "I love big mutts and I can not lie!"

Burleson participated in a national campaign, along with 54 other Dallas-Fort Worth area shelters, called Clear the Shelters. Participating shelters agreed to waive all adoption fees on Aug. 15 in hopes of attracting even more people interested in giving a furry friend a forever home. The Burleson Animal Shelter adopted out 45 cats and dogs on Aug. 15, bringing the total since July 27, when the Clear the Shelters campaign began, to 82! That's 80-plus dogs, cats, kittens and puppies that came through the Burleson Animal Shelter doors, and are now in forever homes.

The DFW event was hosted by NBC5 and Telemundo 39. On Clear the Shelters day, 2,951 pets were adopted from DFW shelters. Between July 27 and Aug. 14, the DFW area shelters adopted out 3,137 pets. That makes the grand total for the 2015 Clear the Shelters event, in the DFW area, 6,088 pets. More than 18,000 pets were adopted in the NBCUniversal Clear the Shelters national campaign which took place in 28 owned television stations.

Who stole our hearts? Sissy, a Boxer mix, 8-10 years old, that had been abandoned by her owners.

"I am very partial to older or abused dogs. Sissy is both," Kim Peckler, Burleson Animal Services supervisor, said. "They moved away and left her, her brother and sister (Basset Hounds, over 12 years old), in the backyard. The Basset Hounds were taken in by Basset Hound Rescue. That left Sissy, alone, with us. Thanks to the Brown family, Sissy has a wonderful home with really great people. They were happy to take her into their home and let her live out her days in peace and happiness."

Jackson, a 12-year-old Border Collie mix, didn't turn a lot of heads, until the Mosonyi family stopped by. Jackson was left at the shelter when his family couldn't take him with them when they moved.

"They left him with us in hopes that we could place him in a loving home, and that is just what we did. The Mosonyi family was thrilled to have a new four-legged

member of the family,” Peckler said. “Jackson is now sporting a new haircut and living the life of one lucky dog.”

Pit Bulls have a hard time finding someone to love them, but Max and Leo proved everyone wrong. Leo, one of our Pets of the Week, was adopted first by a family that already had a Pit Bull, then Max, a smaller version of Leo, was adopted by the Hodges family. It was Amanda Hodges, who sang, “I love big mutts and I cannot lie!” Both dogs are fun loving and easily excitable and eager to please. Max has become a Facebook regular as his new family posts updates.

And don’t forget Rowdy, a Great Pyrenees mix, who shook hands with his new family!

The first dog out the door Aug. 15 was Roxxie, a 6-month-old American Pit Bull/American Blue Heeler mix love bug. She was adopted by the Meledex family. And last out the door Aug. 15 was the now famous Dudley, a Pointer mix, whose videos went viral on Facebook with more than 33,700 views of his plea to be adopted and more than 31,600 views of the video with his adoptive family. The Duncan family gave Dudley a new name, Hero.

“Watching all of these little excited faces go out our door on Saturday was heartwarming for everyone involved,” Peckler said.

People from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex stopped by, but a few couldn’t find the perfect four-legged match for their family. One woman asked if she could donate money to cover the cost to groom Molly, a Pyrenees mix. Molly’s new family not only adopted Molly, and a cat, but they got the bonus grooming session.

One of the great moments for the Burleson Animal Shelter staff and volunteers Aug. 15 was a comment made by someone at the counter who was filling out the adoption paperwork.

“She said, ‘wow, you all really know all the names of all of the animals in this shelter,’” Peckler said. “I was happy to reply, ‘of course we do.’ We love each and every one of them. It was a great day for us. We were very blessed to have so many people come by to visit and give our animals a chance.”

The annual shelter campaign began in 2014, at the DFW level, with the name Empty the Shelter. In 2014, the Burleson Animal Shelter recorded 53 adoptions during Empty the Shelter Day. The next Clear the Shelter event is slated for Saturday, July 16, 2016!