

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

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For the third year, North Texas shelters – including Burleson Animal Shelter - along with NBC 5 and Telemundo 39 are planning a huge adoption event. This year's nationwide Clear the Shelters Day is Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Burleson's hours will be the normal Saturday hours, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

More than 60 North Texas animal shelters are coming together and waiving adoption fees for that one day only. The adoption fee at the Burleson Animal Shelter will be waived on July 23, but if a pet is not spayed/neutered, the adopter will sign a contract committing to having that pet spayed/neutered within 30 days.

Last year, North Texans helped Clear the Shelters, finding more than 2,900 pets new homes. From the beginning of the promotion of Clear the Shelters, more than 3,100 animals were adopted, bringing the grand total to more than 6,000 pets placed in new homes in the North Texas area.

And in 2015 for the first time, groups nationwide participated in the Clear the Shelters adoption event. Nearly 20,000 pets found their forever homes in 2015, when some 400 animal shelters across the country partnered with NBC-owned television stations and the Telemundo Station Group.

The annual shelter campaign began in 2014, at the Dallas-Fort Worth level, with the name Empty the Shelters. In 2014, the Burleson Animal Shelter recorded 53 adoptions during Empty the Shelters Day.

In 2015, a Boxer mix, several Pit Bull Terriers, a Border Collie mix, a Great Pyrenees, and a lot of kittens and cats were among the Burleson Animal Shelter adoptable pets that found a forever home. Burleson was down to one last dog, a Pointer mix, as the final seconds ticked down on the 2015 event. Staff did a video with the dog named Dudley, and that video of his plea to be adopted went viral on Facebook with more than 33,700 views and he snagged more than 31,600 views of the video with his adoptive family.

Please, visit a participating shelter on July 23 to find your new furry family member. See the list of all participating animal shelters at <a href="https://www.cleartheshelters.org">www.cleartheshelters.org</a>. The Burleson Animal Shelter is located at 775 S.E. John Jones Dr., Burleson, Texas 76028. To see all of the adoptable dogs and cats go to <a href="http://bit.ly/Petadoptions">http://bit.ly/Petadoptions</a>. To check out videos of the dogs, go to <a href="http://bit.ly/BASpetvideos">http://bit.ly/BASpetvideos</a>. Call 817-426-9283 or email <a href="mailto:animalshelter@burlesontx.com">animalshelter@burlesontx.com</a> with questions about any of our adoptable pets. See you July 23!