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Mark Your Calendars for a free pet adoption event at the Clovis Animal Shelter, September 16th – 17th

The City of Clovis and High Plains Humane Society is Partnering with Best Friends Animal Society for their upcoming National Adoption Weekend to Help Combat the Growing Shelter Crisis in America



Photo credit: Best Friends Animal Society

September, 15 2022 (Clovis, NM) – The City of Clovis, High Plains Humane Society and [Best Friends Animal Society](#), a leading animal welfare organization working to save the lives of cats and dogs in America’s shelters by 2025, are teaming up for another adoption campaign to encourage people to choose to adopt, not buy, their next pet.

“The City is excited to partner with Best Friends Animal Society and the High Plains Humane Society during National Adoption Weekend,” stated Mayor Mike Morris. “Our goal for the promotion is to encourage area residents to come to the shelter and to provide a forever home for the animals at the facility.”

The Clovis Animal Shelter will be open from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Friday, September 16th and 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17th, 2022 for the event.

Recent [data](#) released by Best Friends showed that U.S. shelters were seeing an increase in animal intakes and a decrease in pet adoptions from shelters. This has steadily turned into a crisis in the animal welfare community, where many shelters are over capacity.

Anyone considering adding a new pet to their family can make a difference by choosing to adopt instead purchasing their pet.

"There is a growing shelter crisis across the country and the animal welfare community won't just sit by and let innocent pets die," said Julie Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society. "In fact, it's quite the opposite. We're joining forces with our vast network of shelters and rescues across the country to host our third National Adoption Weekend since May to incentivize people to get out and adopt."

Due to recent problems such as staffing shortages, limited shelter hours, decreased volunteers, and reduced adoption events, the time is now to help save lives by adopting a pet.

"We have proof that national promotions like the first two adoption weekends we did in May and July work," said Castle. "Our July National Adoption Weekend saw close to 10,000 animals adopted in a three-day period."

Adoptions will be free to the public during the event. For more information regarding available pets, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/HPHSNM> to learn more.

The Clovis Animal Shelter is a department of the City of Clovis under the supervision of the Clovis Police Department. They are located at 2203 E. Brady.

Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Clovis Police Department to maintain an animal control team with the responsibility of enforcing city ordinances, as they relate to animals. The Animal Control team is charged with effective and efficient service to the public by insuring the safety and well-being of persons and animals alike. Animal Control officers provide service seven days a week. These officers patrol assigned areas and look for loose and stray animals. They respond to calls for patrol and handle all sick and injured animals.

About the Best Friends Network

The Best Friends Network is comprised of thousands of public and private shelters, rescue groups, spay/neuter organizations and other animal welfare organizations in all 50 states. They are a coalition committed to saving the lives of homeless cats and dogs through collaboration, information-sharing and implementation of proven lifesaving strategies. Their partners support each other and inspire their own communities to increase lifesaving of dogs and cats across the country.