



# **NEWS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **PEP UP YOUR HOME WITH A NEW PUP DURING OCTOBER’S ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH**

*St. Charles County, Missouri* – As October is National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, now is the perfect time to visit St. Charles County’s Pet Adoption Center and find canines of many breeds, sizes and ages that are eager to find a new home.

Through careful examination, staff at the Pet Adoption will help you select the pet that is best for your family. Staff makes every effort possible to collect a complete history of the animal, to treat medical issues and to assess temperament, so that these pets can make a smooth transition into your home. In addition to offering pets that are a good match for you, our center also works with owners to provide counseling and assistance on the parenting of their desired pet.

Located at 4850 Mid Rivers Mall Drive in Cottleville (across from St. Charles Community College), the Pet Adoption Center offers an outstanding value through its adoption program. Adult dogs are \$50, while puppies can be adopted for \$60 — much less than other centers or breed-rescue groups who sometimes charge fees of \$100 or more. This adoption fee includes a thorough health examination, initial vaccinations, a spay or neuter service, temperament education and microchipping.

The Pet Adoption Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with extended hours until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays). The facility is also open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information on the facility or to view photos and descriptions of animals available for adoption, please visit <http://www.scchealth.org/docs/hs/> or call (636) 949-PETS.

If you’re interested in assisting the Pet Adoption Center but are unable to take full-time ownership of an adoptable pet, you can become a foster parent or volunteer. Fostering helps prepare animals for adoption by socializing them and providing a loving home until a more permanent place to live is available. The Pet Adoption Center provides veterinary care for foster animals and contributes additional food and care supplies. Volunteers contribute by caring for and preparing animals for adoption. For information on becoming a foster family or volunteer, please call (636) 949-PETS.

Since opening in 1999, the St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center has successfully placed more than 25,000 pets in new homes. For more information about the Division of Humane Services, please call (636) 949-PETS (7387) or visit [www.scchealth.org](http://www.scchealth.org).

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