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### **Be a Superhero!**

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

**St. Charles County, Missouri** – More than 45 million households across the U.S. have at least one dog. You can join them, and “be a superhero” for a homeless animal, by adopting a dog during National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month in October.

This month is a perfect time to visit the St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center, located at 4850 Mid Rivers Mall Dr. in St. Peters. Canines of many breeds, colors, sizes, and ages are waiting to find their forever home. Aside from being a faithful companion, a dog can bring joy and laughter to a home. Studies also show that dogs encourage people to exercise more, enhance family relationships, promote social interaction, and improve humans’ emotional health.

“There are many benefits to owning a pet,” said Theresa Williams, director of the St. Charles County Division of Humane Services. “By providing a home to an animal that doesn’t have one, you can help reduce the shelter population and gain a faithful, furry sidekick.”

The Pet Adoption Center isn’t all about dogs. “We also have many cats, rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs that are looking for a family to call their own,” Williams said.

While other centers or breed-rescue groups charge adoption fees of 100 dollars or more, the St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center offers an outstanding value. Puppies can be adopted for 60 dollars, while adult dogs are 50 dollars. The adoption fee for a kitten is 40 dollars, and for adult cats, it’s just 30 dollars. The adoption fee includes a thorough health examination for a new pet, initial vaccinations, 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. Hours are extended on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The center is also open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center, call (636) 949-PETS (7387) or e-mail [pets@sccmo.org](mailto:pets@sccmo.org).

The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is committed to the protection and enhancement of health and the quality of life for all members of our community. For more information, call (636) 949-7400 or visit [www.scchealth.org](http://www.scchealth.org).

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