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Oakland Pet Adoption Center establishes adoption satellites to help more pets find homes; make adoptions more convenient

Auburn Hills, Michigan, Nov. 17, 2010 - Oakland Pet Adoption Center has established five Pet Adoption Outreach Centers to help find homes for more homeless pets in Oakland County. The center is also seeking more partners to expand this outreach program with additional adoption sites.

The center is placing pets in pre-qualified veterinary hospitals and select pet supplies retailers in the metro area in order to make it more convenient to potential pet adopters. The program currently focuses exclusively on cats and kittens because there are so many that need homes.

Current locations in Oakland and Wayne counties are:

- The Cat Practice in Birmingham (www.thecatpracticepc.com /248-540-3390)
- Advanced PetCare of Oakland in Clarkston (www.advanced-petcare.com/248-620-2900)
- Pet Supplies Plus in Bloomfield Hills and White Lake (Highland Rd.) (www.petsuppliesplus.com/248-333-7545)
- Allen Animal Hospital in Livonia (248-476-0570)

“While our new expanded hours and Saturdays are bringing more people into our main shelter, we wanted to expand our reach,” said Oakland Pet Adoption Center Administrative Supervisor Joanie Toole. “Through our Pet Adoption Outreach Centers we are hoping to get our pets in front of more animal lovers closer to home. Our goal, of course, is to continue to find loving homes for more homeless pets in Oakland County.”

Anyone interested in adopting a cat or kitten from a Pet Adoption Outreach Center should contact the locations directly for information on hours and availability of cats. Each center will have access to a database of the cats at all Pet Adoption Outreach Centers to help adopters who may be looking for a particular breed or type of cat.

Pet Adoption Outreach Centers must meet certain criteria, be pre-approved by Oakland Pet Adoption Center, and agree to care for the cats until a permanent home can be found. Potential adopters must also meet certain criteria, provide a loving home and pay an adoption fee which varies at each center. Cats must be spayed or neutered either prior to adoption or following their adoption in the case of young kittens.

“To date, our Pet Adoption Outreach Centers have already placed hundreds of cats and kittens,” Toole said. “By continuing to expand this program we hope to make it possible for more animal lovers to see all the beautiful cats we have for adoption while finding loving home for more of them.”

Oakland Pet Adoption Center is looking for more veterinary hospitals to participate in the program. Those interested should contact Center volunteer and program coordinator Linda Wasche at LindaW@LWmarketworks.com or 248-253-0300.

Oakland Pet Adoption Center is at 1700 Brown Road in Auburn Hills. Its mission is to “provide a temporary haven for animals until we can find them permanent, loving homes.” Center hours are:

10:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday and Friday.

10:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays.

The Center also runs a series of low-cost spay/neuter clinics to help reduce pet overpopulation. For more information go to <http://www.oakgov.com/petadoption/> or call 248-391-4100.