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Foster a Pet for the Holidays! ***Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter and Petfinder.com*** ***Team Up to Find Homes for the Holidays***

(Thibodaux, La.) – The Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter in Thibodaux is once again sponsoring the “Foster a Lonely Pet for the Holidays” campaign with the intent of placing dogs and cats with a loving family.



Kelli Toups, Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter Clerk, holds an 8-week old female kitten.

The program is a partnership between the shelter and Petfinder.com, a national organization of animal-care professionals and volunteers dedicated to maintaining active and accurate homeless pet lists.

The aim of the campaign is to empty the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter, and thousands of others across the country, by pairing pets with pet lovers for Christmas. In most cases, the relationship proceeds so well that the “foster” families adopt the pet.

This season the shelter will open Saturday, December 17, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, so that people who work Monday through Friday schedules can visit the animals

before choosing one.

Adoptions are based primarily on applications. We try to match the animal with the most suitable home. You can view some of the animals we currently have up for adoption at www.petfinder.com.

- Adoption fees for dogs are \$30.00 for males and \$35.00 for females.
- Adoption fees for cats are \$15.00 for males and \$25.00 for females.



Sage, a 3-year old female Pit Bull mix, awaits adoption at the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter.

If your application is approved, you sign a contract stating that you will have the animal spayed or neutered within 30 days of adoption for an animal over 6 months of age. If the animal is a puppy or kitten, you have until it is 6 months of age.

The Animal Shelter would also like to inform residents that donations are always welcome. The shelter accepts donations such as newspapers, blankets, dry or soft food for cats and dogs, and treats.

The Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter staff is happy to answer questions about the program for people interested in making this Christmas a happy holiday for a pet in need.

If you are interested in welcoming home a pet for the holidays, please contact us at (985) 446-3532 or visit us at 935 La. Hwy. 3185 in Thibodaux.