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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Foster a Pet for the Holidays** *Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter & Petfinder.com™* *Set Goal to Place All Pets in Homes for the Holidays*

For the second year in a row, the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter, in association with Petfinder.com™, is participating in the national “Foster a Lonely Pet for the Holidays” pet fostering program. Across the country, over 13,000 pet rescue organizations are trying to empty their kennels for Christmas, encouraging members of the public to invite a pet home for the holidays.

Last year, thirteen pets were fostered for the holidays and all but two were eventually adopted by the foster families. The goal of the program is to place every pet in the shelter into a home by noon on Monday, December 20th.

For the convenience of our residents, the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter will be open on **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.** for those residents that cannot visit the shelter during normal business hours during the week.

The Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter has a variety of adoptable, *lovable* dogs, puppies, kittens and full-grown cats in various sizes. You can view all of the *precious* pets online by accessing the adoption page through the Lafourche Parish Government website. On our website menu, simply go to our “I Want To...” menu and click “Adopt a Pet”. This will take you to our Animal Shelter adoption page.

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

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 the shelter at (985) 446-3532, or visit the shelter at 934 Highway 3185 in Thibodaux.

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*For further information on the “Foster a Lonely Pet for the Holidays” program, visit <http://www.petfinder.com> or contact Petfinder.com Vice-President Kim Saunders at (908) 810-1976.*