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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Wylie to Hold Clear the Shelters Day Aug. 19**

**Wylie, Texas, Aug. 3, 2017** – City of Wylie Animal Services is joining animal shelters across the country to host a Clear the Shelters Day pet adoption event Saturday, Aug. 19, from 9:30 am until the shelter is clear.

The shelter is waiving adoption fees, and all adoptable animals will have been spayed or neutered, have had all vaccines, have a microchip, have been dewormed, and have been treated with flea and tick eradication and preventive medicine.

Animals will be sent to their new homes with extra goodies, including food samples and other gifts from Petco. They will also receive over \$200 worth of free veterinary services from VIP Petcare, plus a 20-percent off coupon from any VIP Petcare-operated clinic.

Wylie Animal Control Supervisor Shelia Patton said that, although many area shelters are participating in the event, the extra donated goods and services make the Wylie event special. “We are looking forward to this year’s Clear the Shelters Day, and we are so pleased to be able to offer the extra items so new owners can continue to take great care of their new four-legged family members,” she said. “We will open the doors at 9:30 am, and we can’t wait to see all the happy faces and wagging tails as these sweet animals head for their forever homes!”

More than 60 shelters in North Texas are scheduled to participate in the Clear the Shelters event. Organizers said it’s the largest adoption effort held in the area, and they hope it will be the largest multi-city, multi-county adoption event in the country. Last year, Wylie placed 47 animals in new homes, North Texans adopted more than 7,100 pets, and there were more than 53,000 adoptions nationwide.

Patton noted that, for the last three years, Wylie was the first North Texas shelter to clear its cages. “We hope to make it four in a row!”

Members of Girl Scout Troop 7749 will be on hand to give out free drinks and snacks, compliments of the City of Wylie.

Thanks to East Plano Murphy Pet Hospital and Texas Coalition for Animal Protection for their support, helping pets get ready for their new homes by donating vaccinations and spay/neuter services respectively.

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Wylie Animal Services is located at 949A Hensley Ln. Visitors must be at least 18 years old with valid ID to adopt.

For more information, call 972-442-5268, email [animalcontrol@wylietexas.gov](mailto:animalcontrol@wylietexas.gov) or visit [WylieTexas.gov/adopt](http://WylieTexas.gov/adopt).

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. In 2015, Money Magazine named Wylie the 25<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country, and financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017.