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Bedford Humane Society Inc. and Bedford County Animal Shelter to hold quarterly Pet Adoptathons Next event – Saturday, August 9th

August 1, 2008 - The Bedford Humane Society Inc. and the Bedford County Animal Shelter will join forces again next Saturday, August 9th to benefit the homeless animals of Bedford County. A Pet Adoptathon will be held from 10 am to 2 pm in front of the Bedford area Walmart store. Pets from the County Shelter will be transported to Walmart, where the Humane Society will have temporary pens and cages set up. Humane Society volunteers will tend to each animal's needs while assisting shelter employees with answering questions from the public about each pet. The Humane Society's adoptable pets will not attend – this is an event designed to spotlight the pets at the County shelter.

“Some folks may remember the first Adoptathon that was held back in May.” Says Doreen Ehasz, Executive Director for the Humane Society. “It was a huge success – with 8 dogs and 3 cats being adopted and an additional 3 dogs placed into BHS foster homes. Bedford County Administration was very pleased with the results and plan to make the joint effort a quarterly event. It gives the animals a day out, and lets the community see what great pets are available at the County shelter”.

Many area residents are not aware that the Bedford County Animal Shelter and the Bedford Humane Society Inc. are two separate organizations. The Bedford County Animal Shelter, located at 1307 Falling Creek Road in Bedford, is a tax-funded impoundment facility charged with animal control for the County. The facility shelters many wonderful, adoptable pets, for which there is no adoption fee. The Bedford Humane Society Inc. is a 501c3 non profit organization funded through donations and grants, and dedicated to eliminating pet overpopulation in Bedford County. For 15 years, the Society has operated out of volunteer's homes. It plans to construct a private, no kill animal shelter which will complement the tax-funded shelter by providing not only space to house animals, but a central location for it's proactive programs, such as spay/neuter, which address the root causes of pet overpopulation. For more information, please visit the Society's website at www.bedfordhumanesociety.petfinder.com

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