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SAVE ON ADOPTION FEES WITH PLANO ANIMAL SHELTER HOLIDAY DISCOUNT ADOPTION GIFT CERTIFICATES

Persons wanting a warm and fuzzy holiday can take it a step farther by visiting the Plano Animal Shelter to purchase an adoption gift certificate for a special price of only \$60, a \$20 savings from the normal adoption fee of \$80.

The certificate, good for the adoption of a dog or cat, includes spay/neuter (if needed), worming, first dog or cat vaccination, bordetella and rabies vaccination, heartworm test for dogs (if old enough), a microchip, first year registration (for Plano residents), a leash/collar, starter food packet with discount coupons and discounted puppy or dog training classes.

"We have an abundant selection of wonderful dogs and cats of all ages," said Ms. Debbie New, the Shelter's Senior Administrative Assistant. "While Christmas especially holds visions of the children running downstairs to find a fluffy kitten or puppy 'under the tree,' the responsibility for owning a pet is one that should not be undertaken emotionally. Having the gift certificate presented allows the holiday season to pass with the recipient coming to the Shelter at their leisure to carefully select the pet that will best compliment their lifestyle and wants."

Every year, hundreds of wonderful animals are surrendered to local shelters as a result of well-intentioned persons who were more caught up in the excitement of holiday gift-giving than the long-term welfare of the animal and the resulting responsibility.

"We have the perfect pet for pretty much anyone," said Ms. New. "But selecting a companion is something that should be the responsibility of the person who will be caring for and living with the pet. This makes the gift certificate a great way to be able to give the gift of companionship, as well as enable the recipient to find the perfect match!"

For those who have carefully thought out the responsibility of sharing a pet with the family during the holidays, integrate them slowly into the holiday mix. Any aged dog or cat will be adjusting to a new home, a new family, and can be easily overwhelmed by the parade of people, celebrations, decorations and flashing lights. Have a secure and quiet place for them to stay during gatherings. Make sure they have quiet time with the immediate family and a peaceful place for their food and water. Watch for chewing of everything by dogs, swatting at everything by cats, and don't forget to frequently walk your new dog or pup.

Visit the Plano Animal Shelter at 4028 West Plano Parkway (972-769-4360). Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm, Tuesday through Friday 9am – 6pm. The Shelter is closed Mondays. To see adoptable pets online go to: www.planoanimalshelter.org