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LEE COUNTY CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL EVENT, MADDIE'S PET ADOPTION DAYS
Seven organizations participate in biggest free pet adoption in the country.

FORT MYERS, FL., May 19, 2014 Seven organizations in Lee County will offer free pets to qualified homes on May 31 – June 1, 2014 as a part of the national event, [Maddie's © Pet Adoption Days](#). The [Animal Refuge Center](#), [Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida](#), [Gulf Coast Humane Society](#), [Haven on Earth Animal League](#), [Helping Paws Animal Sanctuary](#), [Lee County Domestic Animal Services](#), and [P.A.W.S. Lee County](#) will be a part of the fifth annual event at various locations around the county.

[Maddie's Fund ©](#) is working with 14 counties in 9 states throughout the country to find homes for 10,000 shelter animals. While pets are free to qualified homes, Maddie's Fund will donate funds to participating groups for each pet adopted during the event. Participating shelters or rescue groups will receive \$500 per adoption of healthy cats and dogs, \$1,000 per adoption of medically treatable or senior dogs and cats, and \$2,000 per adoption of medically treatable and senior dogs and cats.

The Gulf Coast Humane Society was chosen as the Host Agency for Lee County and serves to combine the efforts of the participating groups and national Maddie's Pet Adoption Days team. For more information about Lee County's Maddie's Pet Adoption Days events call 239-332-0364 or email: Info@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org. For more information about Maddie's © Fund and to see a complete list of adoption hours and locations visit <http://adopt.maddiesfund.org/>.

Complete List of participating Lee County organizations:

Animal Refuge Center
239-731-3535
www.animalrefugecenter.com

Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest
Florida
239-369-0415
www.grrswfl.org

Gulf Coast Humane Society
239-332-0364
www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org

Lee County Domestic Animal Services
239-533-7387
www.leelostpets.com

Haven on Earth Animal League
239-410-9983
www.havenonearth.petfinder.com

P.A.W.S. Lee County
239-757-6294
www.pawsleecounty.org

Helping Paws Animal Sanctuary
239-283-9100
www.helpingpawsanimalsanctuary.com

*Attached:
Maddie's Pet Adoption Days Logo*



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About Maddie's Fund

Maddie's Fund® (www.maddiesfund.org) is a family foundation endowed by the founder of Workday® and PeopleSoft, Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl. Maddie's Fund is helping to achieve and sustain a no-kill nation by providing solutions to the most challenging issues facing the animal welfare community through the combined efforts of Maddie's® Grant Giving, Maddie's CenterSM (hands-on animal care), and Maddie's InstituteSM (research and education). Maddie's Fund is named after the family's beloved Miniature Schnauzer who passed away in 1997.

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