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Media Advisory

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Oakland Animal Services to Participate in 5th Annual Maddie's Pet Adoption Days This Weekend



Annual Event Makes Dog and Cat Adoptions Free to Qualified Homes, Supports Shelters Nationwide – Oakland Shelter Aims to Find a Home for Every Pet This Weekend

Oakland, CA – On Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, 2014, Oakland Animal Services will take part in the fifth annual Maddie's Pet Adoption Days. During this nationwide event, sponsored by Maddie's Fund, dog and cat adoptions will be free to qualified homes. This year's event will feature special activities including face painting, bake sale, live music, and gift bags for adopting families.

What: Oakland Animal Services will take part in the fifth annual Maddie's Pet Adoption Days this Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1.

Where: Oakland Animal Services, 1101 29th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601. For more information and to see adoptable animals, go to www.oaklandanimalservices.org.

When: Special extended hours for Maddie's Pet Adoption Days will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 1.

Media interested in taking photos of adoptable pets on Friday, May 30, 2014 may contact Sgt. Rodney Lewis 510-535-5640 to schedule.

Why: This nationwide event includes hundreds of shelters and helps thousands of animals find their loving, forever home over just two days. In addition, each successful adoption will earn the shelter a generous donation from Maddie's Fund, a family foundation working to achieve a no-kill nation by providing solutions to the most challenging issues facing the animal welfare community through its grant giving, hands-on animal care, and research and education. The money earned during this event is essential to the Oakland Animal Services operating budget for the 6,000 animals that the shelter cares for each year.

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