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Love Connections in the Lobby
at Broward County Governmental Center

“Adopt-A-Sweetheart” Pet Adoption Big Hit on Valentine’s Day

Lots of licks, love and hugs as five dogs and one kitten were adopted within one hour at the “Adopt-A-Sweetheart” Pet Adoption program in the Broward County Governmental Center lobby on Valentine’s Day.

“It was amazing,” said Broward County Commissioner Ilene Lieberman who created the outreach program four years ago. “Three dogs were adopted within the first twenty minutes. Two pets went to one home. Love was certainly in the air.” Commissioner Lieberman is a pet lover who has eleven cats and a dog at home.

Chris Guzzardo took home two Chihuahuas who were mother and son. “I’m keeping one of these dogs and giving the other to my mother. It’s a surprise for Valentine’s Day. Her dog died about a year ago and I think the timing is right.” Guzzardo works at the Broward County Supervisor of Elections office and spotted the pets when walking through the lobby.

“The idea is to get the pets out of the shelter and bring them to the public,” said Commissioner Lieberman. “When people see, pet and hold these animals they’re more likely to take them home.”

Prospective adopters must complete a short adoption application. The adoption fee of \$69.95, cash or credit (Visa, MasterCard, Discover), includes a health exam, sterilization, pet license, tattoo, vaccinations, and a 14-day return policy. Adopters can usually take their new pet home the same day.

Of course pets are always available for adoption at Broward County pet shelters in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach. You can even view photos online at www.broward.org/animal. For more information, call 954-359-1008 ext. 227.

If you require auxiliary aids for communication, call Animal Care and Regulation Division at 954-359-1313 ext. 227.

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