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### Animal Shelter and Adoption Center News and Information

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## County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center Hosts “PIT-TY” Party In July

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Cape May Court House- Freeholder Leonard Desiderio and Sheriff Gary Schaffer are pleased to announce that the Cape May County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center will again be hosting a “Pit-ty” Party for the month of July – National Adopt A Shelter Dog Month. In an effort to decrease the number of pit bull and pit bull mixes entering the Shelter several free services will be offered to Cape May County residents throughout the month.

Freeholder Desiderio said, “Pit bulls and pit bull mixes make up the largest percentage of dogs available for adoption at the Shelter and are a true challenge. Through aggressive spaying and neutering initiatives, owner identification through microchipping and addressing behavior problems, we hope to decrease the number of pit bulls entering or remaining at the Shelter.”

For the month of July, Cape May County residents may get their owned pit bulls microchipped and spayed or neutered at no charge. “We would like to thank the Paws & Claws Society for again helping to fund this initiative through their generous donation of \$2,000,” said Sheriff Gary Schaffer. “It is through this type of collaborative effort that we can address some of our challenges at the Shelter.”

Throughout July, all adoption of pit bulls and pit bull mixes from the Shelter will include a private training session with the Shelter’s professional dog behaviorist, Carol Siegrist of Dog Training In The City. Shelter Manager Judy Davies-Dunhour said, “Carol has extensive experience with pit bulls that have been in shelters and has made a difference in helping us to re-home our dogs. She employs only positive, reward based training techniques and we find it very effective and worthwhile.”

County residents interested in the spay/neuter and microchipping programs are required to call the Shelter to make an appointment. Proof of Cape May County residency is needed.

The Cape May County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center is located in the Crest Haven Complex at 110 Shelter Road in Cape May Court House (Exit 11 off the Garden State Parkway). The facility is open seven days a week for adoptions and visitors from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional information call 609-465-8923 or email [animalshelter@cmcsheriff.net](mailto:animalshelter@cmcsheriff.net) or visit our website at [www.capemaycountygov.net](http://www.capemaycountygov.net).

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