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CHA Animal Shelter celebrates St. Patrick's Day with special adoption fees

COLUMBUS, Ohio (March 9, 2011) – CHA Animal Shelter is celebrating St. Patrick's Day by offering special \$17 adoption fees on cats six months and older. Dozens of adorable felines are waiting to bring laughter and love to the lives of some lucky central Ohioans.

Spring and summer will bring the inevitable litters of unwanted kittens to area animal shelters. CHA is offering special adoption fees for cats during March to offer cat lovers an extra incentive to consider adding a cat – or two – to their families.

Terri Montigny, CHA development director, cautions that while the upfront adoption fee may lower, the long term cost of owning a pet is still the same. "Look at your budget and make sure you plan financially for your new pet. They require food, cat litter, toys and regular veterinary care."

CHA cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated before they are available for adoption. The special \$17 adoption fee is supplemented by The Pilkinton Adoption Fund. The St. Patrick's Day special cat adoption fees will be available through March.

CHA Animal Shelter is a 501(c)(3) that has been helping homeless animals since 1975. Located at 3765 Corporate Drive in Columbus (near the intersection of Westerville Road and Dublin-Granville Road), the shelter is open for adoptions Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The shelter is closed on Wednesdays. Visit www.CHAAnimalShelter.org to see photos and information about available cats and dogs.

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