ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Adopt, Don't Shop?

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Holidays bring to the forefront of our mind that which is most important in life: family bonds, friendships, the comforts and security of a warm home, our beloved pets, and an overall strive for kindness and generosity, just to name a few. These warm inklings may leave some with the desire to expand their circle of cherished companions, and for some animal lovers, that may mean a new four legged member of the family.

However, before you consider buying a new, cuddly animal to surprise your spouse or children with, please remember that pets are not just presents. Pets are a responsibility that requires real

"Buddy"

Breed: American bulldog mix.

Age: 1 year old, male.

This good boy has a passive

temperament with people and

animals. He was neutered and given

a rabies vaccine on Oct. 28.

Jefferson County Animal Control

(850) 342-0184

commitment. Do not gift someone with an animal as a surprise unless you know they are ready to properly care for and provide for its needs for the rest of its life. Many people take home these "gifts" during the holidays and, when the reality sets in of the responsibility involved, many "present pets" find themselves spending their second Christmas in a shelter or homeless on the streets. If you want a pet for the holidays, please make sure you are ready to commit!

Alternatively, the holidays are a wonderful time for ready homes to welcome rescue dogs and cats into their families for good! If you are considering adding to your happy home, consider adopting before you shop around! Jefferson County is home to countless deserving dogs and

cats who would love nothing more than to find themselves warm, safe and surrounded by love this Christmas. What better gift could there be?

Here are just a few of the many delightful animals that might just be the perfect new family member in your home. For Jefferson County foster animals, contact: Heather Ainsley at (850) 363-7038. For Jefferson County Animal Control animals, contact: (850) 342-0184. For Big Dog Rescue foster dogs, contact Cay Curtis at (850) 545-6533. For SnappHappy cats, contact Debbie Snapp at (850) 997-0901 or email her at debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com. For cats adopted through the SnappHappy rescue, there is no adoption fee, although donations are greatly appreciated.



Allie and Cathy"

"Max"

Breed: Bulldog mix. Neutered male found off

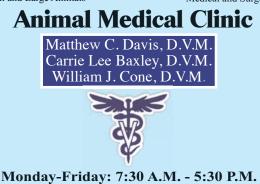
of Thompson Valley Rd. He is friendly with

people and other dogs.

Female bonded pair. These two are litter-mates that were born in August. They eat, sleep and play together and would be best adopted together.

"Carmen and her baby"

Age: 2 years old Carmen and 6 weeks old baby. Carmen and her baby



are a couple of sweetie pies. Mama is just two years old but has already had 3 litters in her short life.

"Sam and Elliot"

Male bonded pair. Litter mates and best buddies, these vo handsome kitties were born in late August at the facility to a trapped dump-site mother cat that ended up being pregnant. They are playful and get along well with dogs at the facility.

SnappHappy Feral Cat Sanctuary (850) 997-0901

"Holly

"Callie Sue"

Age: unknown; arrived at

the rescue a year ago.

This sweet girl's previous

family moved out of state

and Callie Sue was

not invited.

Breed: Pit/bulldog mix Age: 13 years, female This girl is a very sweet old lady! Playful, loves treats and has no medical concerns. She has been overlooked in foster care for many years, and is looking for someone special to adopt her and give her a chance at a real home.

"Millie" and "Major"

Breed: Pit bulldog Age: Major is 4 years old/ Millie is 7 years old male and female bonded pair These two are the most lovable dynamic duo you'll ever meet! Treats, toys, attention - you name it, they'll take it! Millie is eager to roll over and accept belly rubs, and Major just can't wait to be petted and loved on! Not cat friendly. These two would do best in a home with no other pets, but they will gladly give you all the love you'll ever need.



Saturday: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. 1445 W. Washington St., Monticello, FL 32344 (850) 997-3750 After Hours/Emergencies: 850-997-3750

Alt. Emergency: 850-222-0123

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Call:

"Jazz"

Breed: Carolina dog mix Age: 5 years old, female This dog would make the perfect running partner! Very intelligent, and needs something to do! Has a strong prey drive, so no small animals. This girl has energy for days!

> **Big Dog Rescue** (850) 545-6533