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Fairfield County Dog Adoption Center and Shelter to Hold “Go Green-Hybrid Dog Special” for Earth Day

Lancaster, Ohio- In honor of Earth Day 2016 the Fairfield County Dog Adoption Center and Shelter (FCDACS) is hosting the *Hybrid Dog Adoption Special*. Beginning April 22, 2016 the total adoption price for all dogs at the adoption center will be reduced 22% in honor of the occasion. The special will run through the remainder of April in what has become a partnership event to benefit the community. “The “hybrid” special made sense for us to promote on Earth Day because it acknowledges the positive aspect of owning a dog without certification papers. People give our dogs labels, such as “mutts” and “mixed breeds” - and it sounds negative. We see our dogs as “hybrids”, taking the best traits from multiple breeds and rapping them into one wonderful pet. Hybrid dogs can be the best dogs,” said Todd McCullough, Fairfield County Dog Warden.

In addition to the discounted adoption prices, this special will have a few other unique features. For each dog adopted during the special, the staff of the Fairfield County Dog Adoption Center and Shelter will personally donate a plant to the Ohio University Lancaster community garden. All produce from the garden will then be donated to Foundation Dinners to help feed the homeless. Promoting a healthy planet and paying it forward, Wright Landscape Supply & Market Place decided to join the effort to promote Earth Day and adoptions by "adopting" a flower bed at the Adoption Center and Shelter.

McCullough sees this event as a unique and creative way to do something good; “This is a chance for several smaller groups to work together to create something positive in our community. We believe that a healthy community leads to better quality of life for both people and animals. This is just one small way that these partners are trying to maintain a healthy community.”

In December FCDACS hosted a similar event in which they collected donations for teens at Child Protective Services in lieu of adoption fees. In the two days of special, seven dogs found new forever homes. In addition, over \$600 in gift cards were collected as donations for Child Protective Services.

FCDACS is hopeful for a similar support from the community for the *Hybrid Dog Adoption Special*.

For more information, please contact the Fairfield County Dog Adoption Center and Shelter at 740-687-DOGS (3647) or via email at dshelter@co.fairfield.oh.us.

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