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Levy County Animal Services connects people with pets; *Four dogs and two cats adopted*



David Weatherford kneels next to some of the dogs that were available for adoption on Saturday (Sept. 8). Levy County Animal Services Director Weatherford is seen here just a few days after suffering a heart attack, getting two stints placed in his heart, and now he is back on active duty with Levy County. He just left the hospital on Tuesday (Sept. 4).

Story and Photos

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CHIEFLAND -- Levy County Animal Services provided people with an opportunity to add a cat or dog to their family Saturday (Sept. 8) at a special adoption event held at Tractor Supply Co. in Chiefland.

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Levy County Veterinarian Dr. Darlene Esler holds an approximately 1-year-old cat named John. This cat is very friendly toward people, Dr. Esler said, and he is ready to be adopted – unless someone already adopted him from the event on Saturday.



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Animal Control Officer Nathan Mercer holds Deborah the dog before taking her for a walk during the event on Saturday. Joining Mercer here is Crystal Pruitt of Levy County Animal Services.

This is Queen. She is among the most adoptable dogs as of Saturday afternoon. This medium-sized Labrador retriever -bulldog mix is approximately three years old. She has been at the LCAS shelter since June 19.

* By the conclusion of the event, there were four dogs and two cats adopted.

Levy County Animal Services (LCAS) Director David Weatherford, Levy County Veterinarian Dr. Darlene Esler, and LCAS staff members Crystal Pruitt, Nathan Mercer and Lamar Sears took cats and dogs from the main LCAS holding area to the shoppingcenter where Winn-Dixie is an anchor.

Tractor Supply Co. is the anchor store on the southern end of that shopping center in Chiefland, and that is the host site for this most recent pet adoption event by the county – separate from its five-days-a-week adoptions.

Director Weatherford was looking as spry as ever, despite him just being released

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from the hospital on Tuesday (Sept. 4) after suffering a heart attack on Sunday (Sept. 2). Weatherford said his heart was 80 percent blocked until two stints were added. Now that issue has been resolved.

The leader of Levy County Animal Services said his doctor authorized him to be at the adoption event on Saturday. Also present was Levy County Commissioner Lilly Rooks, who has been very active in helping people adopt cats and dogs from the county over the past several years.

Weatherford said he is very appreciative of the people at Tractor Supply Co., who have allowed the county to conduct adoption events there over and over again. He added that most recently Tractor Supply Co. showed how it is always very generous in the effort to help people adopt pets in Levy County.

Tractor Supply Co. sold LCAS \$800 worth of kennels for \$400, Weatherford said.

Levy County Animal Services is a very comprehensive county service. It even has started a trap-neuter-release program for cats.

As of Saturday, there were 43 dogs and 15 cats available for people to take home as pets from the LCAS location near the solid waste transfer station between Bronson and Williston.

To learn more about LCAS, please click [HERE](#).

To see the available dogs and cats at LCAS, please click [HERE](#).