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**St. Johns County Pet Center to Host Hot Diggity Dog Day**

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, Florida, July 20, 2023** – The St. Johns County Pet Center, located at 130 N. Stratton Road, St. Augustine, invites the public to come out for Hot Diggity Dog Day on July 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendees will be able to grab a hot dog and adopt a pet. On average, more than 700 pets are adopted from the St. Johns County Pet Center each year.

Additionally, the St. Johns County Pet Center is offering a special deal on its microchipping service as a precaution in the midst of hurricane season. Attendees with pets will be able to get one microchipped for \$10 and a second microchipped for free. Microchips are placed at the base of the animal’s neck between the shoulder blades. A microchip functions as an internal ID tag – it possesses the pet owner’s name, number, and address so the pet can be identified and returned by St. Johns County Animal Control if it ever gets lost.

“Hundreds of pets are lost each year during hurricane season,” St. Johns County Animal Control Operations Manager Paul Studivant said. “Microchipping your pets at a reduced cost during our event will help improve the chance of your pet being returned to you in the event it is lost or stolen.”

Please note that only cash will be accepted. All cats must be in a carrier and dogs must be on a leash. No feral or stray animals will be accepted. All animals must be four months of age or older.

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