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**Harris County Animal Shelter Debuts New Mobile Adoption Vehicle**  
*Public invited to tour it at Pet Expo and Adopt a Pet*

**Harris County, Texas** –The Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services, Division of Veterinary Public Health will be debuting their new mobile adoption vehicle this weekend at [Pet Expo](#). The new, state-of-the art vehicle, which is 34 feet long and can carry up to 33 animals, will help get more homeless pets adopted from its animal shelter.

Animals housed at the Harris County Animal Shelter can now be brought to a variety of locations, events throughout the county for adoptions. The shelter receives an average of 80 animals a day, so increasing the number of adoptions is critical. As a government shelter, it must accept all animals, regardless if the shelter is full, and even if the animal is sick or unadoptable.

**The media and public are invited to tour the vehicle and visit with our loving, ready-to-adopt-on-the-spot pets at the [Pet Expo](#), Saturday and Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Pasadena Convention Center. Featured animals at this event will be available at a reduced adoption price. Saturday hours 10am-6pm and Sunday 11am-4pm. The Pasadena Convention Center is located at 7902 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. Admission and parking are free.**

The vehicle contains specific design features to showcase the pets. It has its own water supply to help keep pets clean, dual A/C units to ensure pets are comfortable during events, and a built-in visiting area onboard the vehicle to allow for potential adopters to interact with the animals.

If you or your business would like to host a mobile adoption event, call 281.418.1804 or email [chodges@hcpbes.org](mailto:chodges@hcpbes.org).

Visit our website to see pictures of our adoptable animals, get shelter information and learn about our volunteer opportunities. [www.hcpbes.org/vph](http://www.hcpbes.org/vph)

*HCPHES is the local public health agency for the Harris County, Texas jurisdiction. It provides a wide variety of public health activities and services aimed at improving the health and well-being of the Harris County community. For more information, please visit HCPHES at [www.hcpbes.org](http://www.hcpbes.org).*

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