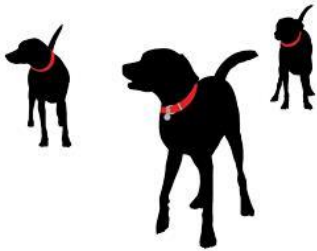


Escambia County Participating in BISSELL Pet Foundation "Empty the Shelters"



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The Escambia County Department of Animal Welfare is excited to announce its participation in the [BISSELL Pet Foundation](#) "Empty the Shelters" event, July 6-31. During this time, adoptions for all cats and dogs 1 year or older will be free. Puppies will be available for \$50 and kittens will be available for \$25. An \$11 licensing fee will be applied to all adoptions for Escambia County residents. [View all adoptable pets at the Animal Welfare and Adoption Center on 24petconnect.com.](#)

"We are proud to participate with Bissell for the first time for their 'Empty the Shelters' event," said John Robinson, Director for the Escambia County Department of Animal Welfare. "This will provide opportunities for all of our great dogs and cats to find their new families this summer. Adopting a pet not only gives our homeless animals a second chance, but also creates space that will allow our organization to help many other animals in need of temporary housing. We have a large number of animals available for adoption that will make a great addition to your family."

BISSELL Pet Foundation, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness, has partnered with [MetLife Pet Insurance](#) for the "Empty the Shelters" adoption event. With the shared goal of helping pets find and stay in loving homes, this collaboration will save lives by expanding the foundation's reach to include more shelters across the country. BISSELL Pet Foundation's Summer National "Empty the Shelters" will occur at more than 335 shelters in

44 states with pets available for adoption for just \$50 or less, including the Escambia County Department of Animal Welfare.

"We are excited to team up with MetLife Pet Insurance to offer 30 days of pet insurance at no cost to the adopter, as well as the opportunity to purchase an annual pet insurance policy, which could make a difference in helping adopters deal with their pet's unexpected illness or injury," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation.

"Veterinary costs add up quickly, and too often, pet owners forgo care or surrender their beloved pets when they can't afford treatment. This collaboration could help to enable more pets in more communities to be adopted through 'Empty the Shelters' and can help facilitate adopters seeking treatment to keep their pets healthy and in their new homes."

The Escambia County Animal Welfare and Adoption Center is located at 200 W. Fairfield Drive. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 12-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, [visit MyEscambia.com/animal-welfare](http://MyEscambia.com/animal-welfare). [Follow the Escambia County Department of Animal Welfare on Facebook](#) for animal welfare news, adoption events and more.

About BISSELL Pet Foundation:

BISSELL Pet Foundation is a charitable 501©(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, microchipping, and crisis and disaster response. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BPF has since partnered with more than 5,800 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Homecare, Inc., where every purchase saves pets. To learn more, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org.