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SHARE YOUR LOVE, SAVE A LIFE

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PHOTO/GRAPHIC PROVIDED BY MY FURRY VALENTINE

Roses are red. Violets are blue. Thinking of adding a pet to your family? Then, My Furry Valentine is just for you!

Greater Cincinnati's largest pet adoption, My Furry Valentine returns in 2013 for its second annual Super Pet Adoption.

"We are focusing on getting the animals adopted that need homes." Carolyn Evans, event co-chair and owner of phoDOGrapher, a pet photography studio, shares with AboutGreaterCincinnati.com, "... come and meet so many animals... see what animal is the right fit for your family."

Adopt the love of your life on February 9th and 10th at My Furry Valentine. The "furtastic", citywide event features hundreds of adoptable puppies, dogs, kittens, cats, and small pocket pets from across Greater Cincinnati and Northern KY that are available and looking for forever homes. Making it easier to find your "furever" match, area rescues and shelters, while adhering to their agency specific processes, requirements, and applicable fees, will be under one



Carolyn Evans with Diesel, one of 266 pets adopted at the inaugural My Furry Valentine event in 2012.

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roof and ready to place adoptable pets in loving homes.

"I liked best all of the adoptable animals being in one place...like one stop shopping!" said an attendee at the 2012 event.

A big success in its' first year, the inaugural My Furry Valentine, the first of its' kind in Greater Cincinnati and attended by 1,700 visitors and adopters at the main event at flexi USA in West Chester (OH), resulted in 266 pets - dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, rabbits, and gerbils - placed in loving homes. This

year, the event is shaping up to be even bigger, better, fun, and oh yeah bustling with love and smiles ear to ear!

One of few pet adoption events held during the winter months, My Furry Valentine has been expanded to a two-day event and is anticipated to draw 3,000 people to the main event and 350 pets adopted. All adoptees will go home with a goody bag filled with pet supplies, toys, treats, and a free flexi retractable leash! In addition, adopting parents/families and their newly adopted

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furry member of the family walk the red carpet, pose for a photograph, and are entered to win one of several gift baskets overflowing with even more pet toys, food, beds, treats, etc. The event will also feature local animal advocacy groups, concessions, vendors, live entertainment, family friendly games, and lots of fun activities.

"It's a great event! So many shelters and rescue organizations come together for a single event," Shannon DeBra, President and Co-Founder, Recycled Doggies, tells AboutGreaterCincinnati.com, "all with the same purpose, to help people choose adoption and to find homes for the homeless animals in the greater Cincinnati area. It's a fun event even if you're not yet ready to add a furry member to the family." Recycled Doggies, an all-foster rescue

that helps shelter dogs find forever homes, is returning for a second straight year to participate in My Furry Valentine.

The main event location will be at flexi USA (8494 Firebird Drive, West Chester, OH 45014) which is located 4 miles west of I-275 just off Union Center Boulevard, a mile past the intersection of Union Center and St. Route 747. The event is FREE and open to the public. FREE parking. And, there will be FREE shuttle service available to safely get you from the main event parking to the event site.

Can't get to the main event location in West Chester? Don't fret. Numerous participating locations throughout Greater Cincinnati will be hosting adoption events over the course of the adoption weekend too.

With thousands of animals in

the Greater Cincinnati Area waiting for a forever home, adopting a pet translates to saving a life! Each year, more than 33,000 homeless pets are euthanized in the Cincinnati area. My Furry Valentine Super Adoption Event helps reduce this number while raising awareness of the adoptable pets in our community and helping to find them loving homes.

At My Furry Valentine, which is sponsored by flexi USA, phoDO-Grapher and Alcott, discover how amazing it can be to adopt a pet. Don't shop...adopt!

To learn more about My Furry Valentine, pets available for adoption, satellite event adoption locations, as well as event sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit www.myfurryvalentine.com.

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