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**Houston World Series of Dog Shows Announces its Sponsorship of  
National “Clear the Shelters” Day**

*Dog Show Strengthens its Commitment to Responsible Dog Ownership*

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston World Series of Dog Shows today announced its sponsorship of the *Clear the Shelters* campaign, which promotes adoption of shelter animals on one particular day – this year, July 23. As part of the national initiative, the Houston Humane Society, BARC, CAP and other participating shelters in Fort Bend, Pasadena, LaPorte and Galveston will offer reduced or waived adoption fees. For someone seeking a first pet, looking for a family addition or having love and care to share after the loss of a pet, the *Clear the Shelters* event is the perfect opportunity to interact with some of the thousands of animals currently living in shelters and take one home.

Through the collaborative efforts of NBC-owned stations, including Houston’s KPRC, and Telemundo, *Clear the Shelters* is attempting to surpass the 20,000+ animals given a second chance at life in the organization’s first, remarkably successful effort in 2015. “Until spay and neuter measures are more prevalent, animal overpopulation issues must be routinely addressed. As animal advocates, we support the ongoing efforts of the national *Clear the Shelters* campaign to raise awareness, promote adoption and encourage responsible pet ownership.” said Tom Pincus, event chairman of the Houston World Series of Dog Shows. “It is inspiring to see the commitment made by thousands of people across our nation to save the lives of so many deserving animals.” To locate a participating shelter, visit the *Clear the Shelters* [website](#).

Sponsorship of *Clear the Shelters* is only the dog shows’ most recent effort to encourage animal rescue and adoption in the Houston area. Although AKC rules do not allow immediate adoptions at the dog

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shows, the Houston World Series of Dog Shows has long-supported area nonprofit animal welfare and breed specific rescue groups by making booth space available at reduced rates. The shows have also supported Citizens for Animal Protection by donating space and promotion for its annual Designer Doghouse Competition and fundraiser. Additionally, each year the Houston World Series of Dog Shows hosts the ever-popular Meet the Breeds events, in which experts present hands-on opportunities for participants to get familiar with more than 80 breeds of dogs and receive counseling about their unique needs and characteristics. Throughout the years, this event has doubtless prevented scores of dogs from landing in shelters.

General hours for the Houston World Series of Dog Shows are as follows. Wednesday's partial show, July 20, runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING. This is a perfect day to shop the McScotty Market and enjoy conformation competitions, as performance events do not begin until Thursday. General hours for Thursday-Sunday, July 21-24, are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, and priced as follows: adults \$15, seniors 55+ \$10 and active/retired military personnel and family, with ID, \$10. Children 12 and younger are admitted FREE with an adult. Parking is \$12 per day (cash only). The dog show is held entirely indoors and is fully air-conditioned within NRG Center at 8400 Kirby Drive, Houston, Texas 77054.

Further details about the dog show are available online at [www.houstondogshows.com](http://www.houstondogshows.com) or at 281-536-0528. Be sure to "like" the Houston World Series of Dog Shows on Facebook and follow it on Twitter & Instagram (@houstondogshows) for breaking news.

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*Formerly known as the Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows, the **Houston World Series of Dog Shows** is sanctioned by the American Kennel Club and supervised by Onofrio Dog Shows. During five days, the shows typically attract more than 40,000 spectators and participants and 14,000 entries. Wednesday's specialty breed show is sponsored by Bluebonnet Boxer Club, Inc., Houston All-Terrier Club, Houston Combined Specialty Association and Houston Working Dog Club. The Houston Kennel Club sponsors Thursday and Friday shows with Beaumont Kennel Club sponsoring Saturday and Galveston Kennel Club sponsoring Sunday. The show's diamond sponsor is **Purina® Dog Food**, makers of **Purina® Pro Plan®** dog food. Other sponsors include Dr Kruger Pet Supplements™ and VERGI Houston 24 Hour Emergency and Critical Care Hospital.*