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## **City of Waco Announced Empty the Shelter Campaign Fees Waived through Monday on Adoptions**

**WACO, TEXAS (November 22, 2019)** – The City of Waco and its valued partner The Humane Society of Central Texas are making it easier and less costly to bring home a four-legged friend through an Empty the Shelter free adoption program beginning today at the Waco Animal Shelter.

“We are planning some significant repairs to the shelter,” said Waco City Manager Wiley Stem. “For their safety and security, we would like to see the animals in our care adopted or returned to owners and are waiving all fees normally associated with adopting a pet.”

The Humane Society of Central Texas manages adoptions at the facility which has maintained a live exit rate of over 90 percent for more than a year. The shelter serves Waco as well as the cities of Bellmead, Hewitt, Woodway, Beverly Hills, Robinson, Lacy Lakeview, Mart, Lorena, McGregor, Moody, Riesel and McLennan County.

During the renovation process, the shelter will not be able to take in additional animals unless they are classified as dangerous.

“We are working with several partners to have animals in our care fostered, adopted or returned to their owners,” said Stem. “We know how much our friends and neighbors love animals and we are asking everyone to help.”

Work on one of the animal shelter buildings will include renovations and repairs to deal with rodents who seek shelter during the colder months of the year. Experts will review pest control measures and remove any rodents that have infiltrated the building.

“Our goal is to have the shelter back in full operation as soon as possible,” said Stem.

The shelter will be open 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, noon – 4p.m. on Sunday and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Monday.

Citizens with questions can call: (254) 750-7080.

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