By Sharon Rollins

How About A **Bark In The Park?**

The city of Tullahoma has an animal control program worth barking about. At the heart of this no-kill program is a caring staff – from the public works director Wayne Limbaugh, to animal control supervisor, Teresa Holt to animal control officers like Kevin Whipple. Love for animals is an essential job qualification. It is evident to anyone visiting this shelter that the staff works hard to enforce the city's animal control laws and care for their four legged guests. They work harder still to reunite lost dogs with their families and to place unclaimed dogs in good homes.

All the dogs are named and their photos and descriptions are placed on www.petfinder.com

People sometimes come from as far away as the New England states to adopt. The shelter has adopted out 318 dogs during the past 12 months. Every dog adopted receives a free spay/neuter for a $35 adoption fee and a free bath from a local groomer. Also, microchip identification is available for a $15 donation.

At the heart of this no-kill program is a caring staff. Left to right: Kevin Whipple, Animal Control Officer; Wayne Limbaugh, Public Works Director; Teresa Holt, Animal Control Supervisor. Inset left: Dogs like Romeo are waiting for a new home.

Bark in the Park is one of the fundraisers held to raise funds to provide medical care for sick or injured dogs. Over $5,000 was raised at the last event. Mr. and Mrs. Tullahoma Canine are honored, and this is an opportunity to display dogs for adoption. Ms. Holt invites visits. The shelter is open six days a week. tpw

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