



Animal Hospital

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PET ADOPT-A-THON AND MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S K-9 UNIT EXHIBITION PART OF GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION FOR BRADEN RIVER ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Bradenton, Fla. (September 17, 2007) – Braden River Animal Hospital celebrated the opening of its new state-of-the-art veterinary facility on Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

"I can't thank all of you enough for coming today. This new clinic really wouldn't be possible without all of our great clients," said owner Terry Clekis, D.V.M. as he addressed the crowd during the celebration. The clinic's office manager, Cathy Douglas, followed up with a few words about Dr. Clekis saying, "He truly does care about this community and your pets."

As part of the grand opening celebration, Braden River Animal Hospital hosted a pet adopt-a-thon for the Florida Dachshund Rescue, Gulf Shore Animal League, Honor Sanctuary, and Racing Dog Rescue Project.

"It's been a highly successful event for us; all of the dogs we brought were adopted! We are just thrilled with the new clinic and so pleased to be a part of this event," said Cindy Morton of the Honor Sanctuary. The other rescues at the event were also able to adopt most if not all of the pets they brought and received lots of good leads for future adoptions as well.

The event provided an afternoon of fun for the whole family – the family pet too! Alice Varnadoe, a Bradenton resident, attended the event with her husband Bruce and their dog Cricket. "We live nearby but have been driving to Lakeland for veterinary care – not anymore! We've heard wonderful things about Dr. Clekis and now that we've met his staff and seen the clinic we're excited to become new clients," said Varnadoe.

Other activities included an exhibition by the Manatee County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit and demonstrations by professional animal trainer, Sheryl Brown, proprietor of The Last Paw Dog Training. A Harley rider himself, Clekis also arranged to have a display of motorcycles provided by the Manatee River Harley-Davidson store.

In addition, guests enjoyed delicious barbecue and kids of all ages had their faces painted. Drawings held every 20 minutes for grooming, training, and veterinary services as well as microchips, flea and tick prevention, pet food and more were a big hit.

The new 5,200 square foot clinic located on the same property as the old facility at 5012 State Road 64 East in Bradenton, includes five exam rooms, a treatment room, digital x-ray room, surgery suite, pharmacy, and dental suite. With more than 20 staff members including two veterinarians, the new space and equipment at Braden River Animal Hospital will allow the doctors to perform laser surgery, digital x-ray imaging, veterinary dentistry, acupuncture and holistic medicine.

Braden River Animal Hospital is owned by Terry Clekis, D.V.M., M.S. whose philosophy is preventative animal healthcare and providing excellent customer service. He is a board member of the Humane Society of Manatee County as well as a member of the American Veterinary Medicine Association,

Florida Veterinary Medicine Association, American Heartworm Society, and President of the Manatee County Veterinary Society. A graduate of the University of Georgia in 1983, Dr. Clekis has lived and worked in the Bradenton area since 1996. His veterinary associate is Patricia Campbell, D.V.M., C.V.A. who in addition to standard veterinary care also provides holistic animal healthcare services and acupuncture.

Braden River Animal Hospital is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.bradenriveranimalhospital.com or contact Dr. Terry Clekis at 941-745-1513.

Note: Photos available.

Animal Rescues at the Event:

- Florida Dachshund Rescue
 - <http://www.fldr.org/>
- Gulf Shore Animal League
 - P.O. Box 14291
Bradenton, Florida 34280
 - Phone: 941-747-2284
 - Email: gulfshoreanimal@aol.com
- Honor Sanctuary
 - Phone: 941-448-4358
- Racing Dog Rescue Project
 - P.O. Box 18153
Sarasota, FL 34276
 - Phone: 941-379-FAST(3278)
 - <http://www.rdrp-greyhound.org/index.html>

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