

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

STAMPS PROMOTE ANIMAL ADOPTION

Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services will host the local unveiling of the 2010 limited edition “Stamps to the Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet” stamp from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects, 1500 Union Ave. ANF designed the new Memphis Animal Shelter.

The stamp set features photographs of real shelter pets and the U.S. Postal Service has anticipated its popularity by printing 300 million stamps.

Barbara Standing, director of development of Mid-South Spay & Neuter, hopes the stamps will draw attention to pet overpopulation as well as the need for more adoptions.

Standing said, “This is a banner event for animal lovers and stamp enthusiasts -- we’re hoping many of both groups will come out.”

The event is free and open to the public and a mobile post office will be selling the animal-themed stamps and other commemorative items.

The stamps are expected to sell out quickly nationwide.

On hand to assist with the unveiling will be new shelter administrator, Matthew Pepper. The shelter will also bring some pets ready for adoption. Representatives of Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services will be

available to discuss affordable, and often free, spay and neuter options as the humane solution to overcrowding at shelters and animal rescue groups.

“Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services is proud to work with such organizations as the United States Postal Service and Memphis Animal Services,” Standing said. “The problem of pet population is multi-faceted and requires the input and cooperation of many entities. We are excited to partner with them and look forward to a long and successful relationship.”

For more information on Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services see spaymemphis.org or call 213-8210.

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Barbara Standing, director of development for Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services, joins Bill Ferguson, an architect with Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects, to review the interior design of the new Memphis Animal Shelter. Mid-South Spay & Neuter Services will host the local unveiling of the 2010 limited edition “Stamps to the Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet” stamp from 1 to 3 p.m., May 29 at ANF, 1500 Union Ave. Call 213-8210.