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Area Animal Shelters Hold Midnight Madness Adopt-a-thon

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NORFOLK- Is there a better time to adopt a dog named Midnight than, well, at midnight?

Tonight 23 animal shelters across Virginia, 10 here in Hampton Roads, will stay wide awake to adopt out dogs and cats. Midnight Madness, now in its second year, will give prospective pet owners a chance to adopt during non-business hours.

"For anyone who works full time or works two jobs these days, it's a great opportunity to come out during some off-hours," said Jake Roos, kennel coordinator at Norfolk Animal Care Center.

Volunteers and staff will come tonight dressed in pajamas, vowing to keep doors open until the wee hours of the morning.

At the Norfolk shelter, forty dogs and forty cats await adoption. The shelter is a "kill" facility, meaning workers euthanize animals they can't keep.

"The more adoptions we have, the more animals we can move through here and the fewer animals we actually have to put down because of space," Roos said.

Participating area shelters:

Animal Assistance League (Chesapeake)

Chesapeake Animal Control

Chesapeake Humane Society

Norfolk Animal Care Center

Norfolk SPCA

Portsmouth Humane Society

Suffolk Humane Society

Suffolk Animal Control

Virginia Beach Animal Control Shelter

Virainia Beach SPCA