



Ace, a three month old Bassett hound, looked mournfully out of his kennel as he waited for someone to adopt him. Ace is just one of the many dogs at the Norton Animal Shelter looking for a good home.  
— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier



Lizzy, as Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman calls her, chewed on her glove to wear away some of her puppy energy. Lizzy is a six week old blue healer mix.  
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# Hearts pounding at the pound

## Four-footed friends seeking good homes

By VERONICA MONIER  
Looking for a pet? Look no further.

The Norton Animal Shelter has a few good dogs waiting for you. Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman said that the shelter is full right now of dogs and cats that could use a good home.

She said there is a litter of black boxer/lab mix puppies that are five weeks old, as well as their mother, Sady, who is a boxer mix.

Also at the shelter are:

- a blue healer mix that's six weeks old named Lizzy;
- a friendly yellow lab that is two to four years old;
- a one year old Airedale named Brutus;
- and Ace, a three month old Bassett hound.

There are also a couple of kitties that need good homes too.

Adoption fees are affordable at \$40 and under and the Norton Animal Health Center offers a 30 percent discount to have an animal adopted from the pound spayed or neutered.

Mrs. Hickman and the Norton Animal Health Center are holding a rabies clinic for dogs and cats on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24. Rabies shots will only be \$13 and, at the same time,

people can register their animals, with the city, which costs \$5.

"People should take advantage of this," she said. "The city law says that animals need to have their rabies shots and be registered or owners could lose their pets. This is a good way to take care of both the shots and registration at the same time."

She also wanted to remind people that if they lose their pet, they should contact the shelter immediately. More than likely, that is where their animal will be.

Mrs. Hickman said animal control is aware of the feral cat problem and is working closely with the city to ease the situation.

"Traps have been set around town to catch the wild cats," she said. "But we only hold them for 72 hours, which is why it is important for people to call us if their animal is missing."

The traps can only do so much though. She said owners getting their pets spayed or neutered will also help the problem tremendously.

Mrs. Hickman thanks everyone who has had their animals spayed or neutered, those who have gotten shots and registered their animals, and everyone who helps at or donates to the shelter.

The shelter can be reached at 785-874-4294

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