

Hall Co. Animal Shelter Gives New Pet to House Fire Victim

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The victim of a devastating house fire that killed two of her beloved dogs will visit the Hall County Animal Shelter this weekend to begin the process of adopting a new pet.

The woman has been granted a free adoption from the shelter following a chance encounter over the airwaves shortly after New Year's.

Cindy Langman, program director for the Hall County Animal Shelter, was listening to 94.9 The Bull during her drive to work one day last month as the radio personalities asked their listening audience to call in and give them an answer to the following question: "If you could erase one thing that happened in 2012, what would it be?"

Langman listened as a woman named Mary called in and talked about losing her home and personal belongings in a house fire. Mary explained that two of her dogs also perished in the blaze.

Upon hearing Mary's story, Langman called into the radio station to offer a free pet adoption, courtesy of the Hall County Animal Shelter. In addition to waiving the adoption fee, Langman agreed to provide free vaccinations, including one for rabies, as well as a free health and temperament test, a free microchip implantation and a free spay/neuter surgery.

Unfortunately, the radio station did not have Mary's contact information to let her know about the Animal Shelter's offer, so they asked their listening audience to contact Mary if they knew how to get in touch with her. After roughly 30 minutes, the station received a tearful phone call from Mary, saying she was incredibly touched by the Hall County Animal Shelter's offer and would love to choose a new pet.

"We have been in contact with her," Langman said. "She has been following our adoptable animals on our website and will be visiting us this Saturday to 'interview' some of the dogs she is interested in."

More information about the Hall County Animal Shelter can be found on the Animal Shelter page of hallcounty.org.