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Foxy the Puppy has a New Home

GRAND RAPIDS – Nearly fifty people applied to adopt Foxy, the eight week old Chihuahua-mix that was surrendered to the Kent County Animal Shelter. Those applicants were reviewed, and after nearly a dozen interviews, animal adoption specialists working with Shelter Veterinarian Dr. Laurie Wright and a panel of administrative leaders selected Foxy’s new owner this week.

Foxy is the puppy who had a serious eye injury in February 2014. Dr. Wright contacted Dr. Cassandra Bliss, a board certified ophthalmologist who has assisted the Kent County Animal Shelter with injured or impaired pets. Dr. Bliss did a thorough exam and found it was necessary to remove the eye entirely. She volunteered her service free of charge. Foxy should be able to adjust fine at her age.

The Kent County Animal Shelter has specific criteria that staff members review for every adoption, such as whether their landlords allow pets or previous contacts with animal control for dogs they have or had in the past. Additional considerations were also factored in due to Foxy’s special needs. After nearly a dozen interviews, staff and an administrative panel selected a woman with a keen awareness of Foxy’s special needs and a great environment for Foxy’s wellbeing. “We had so many great applicants, that narrowing the list down was difficult,” said Dr. Wright. “If we could, we’d send a Foxy home with everyone who expressed interest, but there is only one Foxy. We feel that we’ve found a perfect fit.”

“We are extremely thankful for all of the concern Foxy has received in the community, and the amazing coverage that she received from local media,” said Carly Luttmann, Kent County Shelter Supervisor. “We’ve had quite a few people come into the shelter, interested in Foxy, but adopted other pets. Foxy’s story has helped raise awareness for what we do here, and opened a lot of hearts.” Information on adopting pets through the Kent County Animal Shelter is available at www.icpawz.com. Adoptions are \$50, plus \$12 for a one-year license for dogs, and just \$5 for cats.

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(Media Note: Foxy will be leaving the Kent County Animal Shelter today at 1:00 with her new owner. Coverage of this event is welcomed and encouraged.)

KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.

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