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HCA chairman and CEO Jack Bovender and Donna Phillips with Redford. Additional picture on Page 2.

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To boost adoptions, HCA goes to the dogs ... and cats

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A "super successful" pet adoption event was hosted by Hospital Corporation of America last Friday at its corporate office, where 12 out of 15 cats and six out of 23 dogs found new homes, with several other adoptions pending.

Several individuals who regularly save unwanted animals and find good homes for them took their current charges to HCA, which notified 2,500 employees by e-mail of the adoption drive. Hundreds of employees stopped by for the event and fifteen volunteers were on hand to help.

"We are just thrilled with the turnout and the results," said event organizer Julia Duke. "The HCA employees told their family members and friends about the event and they came, too."

"This is an amazing number," Duke said of the animals adopted. "I would have expected maybe two or three cats and the same number of dogs

would have found homes today. We are so grateful to HCA for hosting this event and for their help in setting it up."

"I am very pleased at such a great response," HCA chairman and CEO Jack Bovender said. "We at HCA try to be good corporate citizens and that includes helping our four-legged friends, too."

"This event has been wonderful for employee morale," Bovender added. "Everyone is having such a good time playing with the dogs and cats. We will definitely do it again."

"And I hope other companies will try hosting pet adoption events."

Those involved with pet rescue who participated in the event were Duke, who owns The Privileged Pet, a sitting service for dogs and cats; Candace Giles, who helps dogs through Critter Cavalry; and Kim and Kimber Kincaid, who have established their rescue group, Kimber's Kritters, as a nonprofit organization.

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Each rescuer has criteria to ensure the pets are going to good homes, and every dog and cat is spayed or neutered.

For more information and to see animals available for adoption visit www.theprivilegedpet.petfinder.com, www.crittercavalry.petfinder.com or www.kimberskritters.petfinder.com.

To find out about setting up a pet adoption event, call 354-5611 or e-mail: theprivilegedpet@aol.com.