

HCA pet adoption event places several cats, dogs

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Twelve out of 15 cats and 14 dogs found new homes at a recent pet adoption event hosted by Hospital Corporation of America at its corporate office.

Hundreds of employees stopped by for the event, and 15 volunteers were on hand to lend their help.

"We are just thrilled with the turnout and the results," said event organizer Julia Duke, who also owns The Privileged Pet, a sitting service for dogs and cats. "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 been thrilled if three or four pets found homes today. We are so grateful to HCA for hosting this event and for their help in setting it up."

Those involved with pet rescue that participated in the event were 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. Each has established criteria to ensure the pets are going to good homes and every dog and cat is spayed or neutered.

"I am very pleased at such a great response," said Jack

If you want to know more

For more information and to see animals available for adoption you can visit these internet sites:

- theprivilegedpet.petfinder.com;
- crittercavalry.petfinder.com;
- kimberskritters.petfinder.com.

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



HCA CEO Jack Bovender pets Molly. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Yvette Thomas, Angelene Dungey and Angela Jackson pet a puppy, which was up for adoption. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bovender HCA's chairman and chief executive officer.

"We at HCA try to be good corporate citizens, and that includes helping our four-legged friends, too.

"This event has been won-

derful for employee morale," Bovender added.

"Everyone is having such a good time petting the dogs and cats. We will definitely do it again. And I hope other companies will try hosting pet adoption events."