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Shelter dogs take over at Navient's Walk the Employee event, in partnership with Humane Society for Hamilton County

FISHERS, Ind., May 19, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Humane Society for Hamilton County, a nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter, yesterday brought along 16 furry companions to local employer Navient. "Walk the Employee," as the event is known, aims to promote employee wellness, while creating awareness about shelter animals and pet adoption.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at

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Employees were "led" for 20 minutes yesterday by hounds, beagles, poodle mixes and many other types of breeds around Navient's 470,000-square foot facility, located along Interstate 69 in Fishers.

"Since the majority of our animals stay in our shelter for most of the day, it is so nice to be able to get the dogs out, socializing with new people, as well as get them in a natural environment that will allow them to show their true personalities," said Maggie Owens, manager of community outreach, Humane Society for Hamilton County. "This is the second year we have done the 'Walk the Employee' event and I am looking forward to seeing how many of Navient's employees come back to adopt a new member of their family. On behalf of the Humane Society for Hamilton County, I thank the employees of Navient for giving our animals a great chance of finding their forever home."

Employees who developed a special bond with their canine companion during yesterday's walk were able to adopt the dog at a 25 percent discounted rate off the normal adoption fee.

"Navient's 'Walk the Employee' event is a fun, creative way to raise awareness for shelter dogs and to encourage our employees to leave their desks and get outside," said Jon Kroehler, senior vice president, Navient. "We are proud to help support the Humane Society for Hamilton County and to help give area dogs a second chance."

According to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, the nonprofit organization received 3,121 stray and unwanted animals in 2015, of which 99 percent were adopted, returned to their owners or sent to rescue, compared to the national average of 36 percent.

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