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Kellie DiFrischia of Columbus Dog Connection hopes to find a home for Tyke, a sheltie mix. Adopting a dog costs \$125.

Homeless dogs available at adoption fair

Twenty dogs will be looking for a home today at a Columbus Dog Connection adoption fair.

The fair will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Rubino's Pizza, 2643 E. Main St.

Kellie DiFrischia of Columbus Dog Connection, a local rescue organization, said most of the dogs are strays. Several were rescued from the Capital Area and Hocking County humane societies shortly before they were to be killed.

People interested in adopting can visit with the animals at the fair and talk with the people who have kept a specific dog to learn about its personality, DiFrischia said.

She said that the adoption process can begin today, but a home visit with the prospective owner is required.

"The process will go very quickly," she said. "We want to get the dog to its next permanent home as soon as possible. The visit enables us and the prospective owner to know if the dog is suited for their home."

DiFrischia said the cost for adopting a dog is \$125, which includes spaying or neutering and all immunizations.

More information on the fair can be found on the organization's Web site, www.columbusdogconnection.com, or by calling its hot line at 637-1342.