

Joe Manganiello Joins NBCUniversal Local's Clear the Shelters

Actor, director, host, producer and writer **Joe Manganiello** is joining NBCUniversal Local's Clear The Shelters nationwide pet adoption and donation campaign this August.

As part of his role, he'll serve as a campaign spokesperson and host of the annual the Clear The Shelters TV special debuting on NBC stations nationwide on August 8.

Clear The Shelters is returning for its 11th consecutive year for an adoption campaign during the month of August, and an extended fundraising effort taking place now through September 15. Clear The Shelters has led to nearly 1.2 million pet adoptions and raised more than \$5 million for animal shelters since its 2015 inception.

Manganiello, who has an adopted Chihuahua/Pomeranian mix named Bubbles, currently stars in the Emmy-nominated film Nonnas, which is based on the true story of Joe Scaravella and the Italian restaurant he opened with local grandmothers as chefs. He is also host and executive producer of Deal or No Deal Island, which is available on Peacock. Manganiello recently finished production of the second season of One Piece.

"Rescuing my dog, Bubbles, is one of the best things I've ever done in my entire life," said Manganiello. "I hope people can feel my honest enthusiasm and that it encourages them to experience an ounce of what I have if they are in a position to welcome a shelter pet into their lives. These animals have been abandoned and the shelters taking care of them need help.

That's why I'm proud to participate in *Clear The Shelters* to help promote pet adoption and raise funds to help shelters operate."

As part of the 2025 *Clear The Shelters*, NBC- and Telemundo-owned and affiliated stations across the nation are partnering with animal shelters and rescues in their communities to promote pet adoption and raise funds for animal welfare, which can be directed to the shelter or rescue of the donor's choice or the general fund. For information on shelters and rescues participating in the fundraising, visit ClearTheSheltersFund.org.

The 2024 *Clear The Shelters* campaign set a single-year adoption record by helping nearly 170,000 pets find new homes, and raised more than \$500,000 for participating animal shelters. More than 1,600 shelters and rescues representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam – along with 139 NBC and Telemundo stations – participated in the 10th annual campaign, which was held Aug. 10 to Sept. 10, 2024.

For more information on *Clear The Shelters*, including participating animal shelters and rescues, along with details on local events and television programming, visit ClearTheShelters.com and the Spanish-language site DesocuparlosAlbergues.com, and follow *Clear The Shelters* on social media.

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