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Humane Society of Charlotte Prepares for Annual Fundraising Walk, Pet Festival and Kennelly 5k Run

Mark Your Calendars for May 14th at Independence Park

Charlotte, NC – In recognition of the thousands of homeless dogs and cats in Mecklenburg County, the Humane Society of Charlotte is hosting its largest annual fundraiser, the Pet Palooza dog walk and pet festival to support the organization's mission. The event includes the annual Kennelly 5k run which is dog-friendly. The event's Corporate Walk Chair is Jose Luis, Counsel, Real Estate of Family Dollar Stores, Inc. will be kicking off the festivities.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 14th, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Independence Park in the Elizabeth Neighborhood. The 5k run will start off the event at 8 a.m. and will be followed by the pet walk at 9 a.m. The festivities continue with a vendor fair, pet-themed activities and attractions, entertainment, and a Fido fashion show featuring alumni dogs from the Humane Society of Charlotte.

In 2010 the Humane Society of Charlotte touched the lives of over 11,000 animals and their families through adoption and spay/neuter services as well as through animal behavior outreach efforts. In 2010, the Humane Society found homes for over 2,030 animals, an average of 49 per week, which is the highest adoption rate in the organization's 33-year history. They also performed 9,721 spay/neuter surgeries. The Humane Society of Charlotte will continue its mission and expects to see similar numbers in 2011. The 2010 Pet Palooza event raised over \$110,000 for the organization to continue their efforts and the event is targeted to exceed last year's dollar amount.

To register, visit www.humanesocietyofcharlotte.org and click the Pet Palooza logo at the bottom of the page.

About the Humane Society of Charlotte

The Humane Society of Charlotte is a community resource committed to improving the lives of companion animals through adoption, spay/neuter and education. The Humane Society of Charlotte provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation throughout the Carolinas. The no-kill of adoptable animal's organization provides pets with the love and attention they need to live happy and healthy lives while awaiting a new home. The Humane Society of Charlotte is a nonprofit organization that relies solely on private donations to achieve its mission.