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THE MARYLAND SPCA HOLDS 13TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE ANIMALS

*Pet Lovers and Their Furry Friends March
to Raise Money for Needy Animals*

Baltimore— Over 6,000 animal lovers and their four-legged friends are expected to attend The Maryland SPCA's 13th Annual March for the Animals at Druid Hill Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 20, 2008. Participants will be supporting homeless animals in the Baltimore community while getting a little exercise and having lots of fun!

In addition to the 1.5 mile walk around the lake, the day's activities will include a demonstration by **Mid-Atlantic Disc Dogs**, **pet training tips**, an **agility course** for dogs and **pet costume contests judged by celebrity guests**. Great food and other entertainment will be part of the fun as well.

Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers, including a **grand prize trip to the Bahamas**. Participants will receive a special "doggie bag" that includes treats, corporate giveaways and other gifts. Dog bandanas will be given to those who raise at least \$30, and the 2008 March for the Animals T-shirts will be given to walkers who raise at least \$40.

Participants can walk individually or form a "Pack." Packs get to choose their own unique Pack name, which will be printed on their March for the Animals T-shirts. Packs also get their photo taken at the event and are eligible for a special grand prize for the top fundraising team—the use of the Governor's Box at Camden Yards for the Orioles game versus the Nationals.

Participants can register online at www.marchfortheanimals.kintera.org to create personal fundraising pages. Or, participants can pick up pledge sheets at The Maryland SPCA at 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore-area Giant Food stores, Baltimore-area Starbucks, Baltimore County Public Libraries, and the Enoch Pratt Free Libraries. For more information regarding the event, please contact Tami Gosheff at **410-235-8826, ext. 138** or visit www.mdspca.org.

The Maryland SPCA is an adoption center whose mission is to improve the lives of pets and people in the community by fostering healthy animal-human relationships. The Maryland SPCA is not affiliated with any national animal welfare organization and receives no government funding.

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