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THE MARYLAND SPCA HOLDS 14TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE ANIMALS

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

Baltimore— Over 5,000 animal lovers and their four-legged friends are expected to attend The Maryland SPCA's 14th Annual March for the Animals at Druid Hill Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2009. Participants will be supporting homeless animals in the Baltimore community while getting a little exercise and having lots of fun!

Duff Goldman from "Ace of Cakes" will cut the starting line ribbon at 10 a.m. to kick off the 1.5 mile walk-a-thon. Other activities will include a demonstration by **Mid-Atlantic Disc Dogs, pet training tips, an agility course** for dogs, **low-cost micro-chipping**, a "flea-less" market of pet friendly vendors, musical chairs for dogs, a **pet costume contest judged by celebrity guests** and a **"Mutt-iest Mutt" contest for dogs**. 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 "doggy bag" that includes treats, corporate giveaways and other gifts. Dog bandanas will be given to those who raise at least \$30, and the 2009 March for the Animals T-shirts will be given to walkers who raise at least \$40. The deadline to register a Pack is March 31.

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 Tigers.

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 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 located at 3300 Falls Road in the Hampden area of Baltimore City. Our mission is to improve the lives of pets and people in the community by fostering healthy animal-human relationships. We are not affiliated with any national animal welfare organization, and we receive no government funding. Our programs directly benefit the people and pets in central Maryland. For more information about The Maryland SPCA, visit www.mdspca.org or call 410-235-8826.

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