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THE MARYLAND SPCA HOLDS 12TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE ANIMALS

*Pet Lovers and Their Best Friends Give Their
Heart and Sole to Raise Money for Needy Animals*

Baltimore – Over 4,000 animal advocates and their four-legged friends are expected to attend The Maryland SPCA's 12th Annual March for the Animals at Druid Hill Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, 2007. Participants will be supporting homeless animals in the Baltimore community while getting exercise and having fun!

Mayor Sheila Dixon alongside Thor, a Maryland SPCA adoptee who rescued his owner from a fire, will start the March with the ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. There will be a **pet costume contest** and a **pet/owner look-alike contest**. Activities include **live music** to start the day, a demonstration by **Mid-Atlantic Disc Dogs**, and an **agility course** for dogs. Great food and other entertainment will be part of the fun as well.

Prizes will be awarded to the top pledge raisers, including a **grand prize trip to the Bahamas**. Participants will receive a special “doggie bag” that includes treats, corporate giveaways and other gifts. Doggie bandannas will be given to all who raise at least \$30 in pledges, and the 2007 March for the Animals T-shirts will be given to walkers who raise at least \$40.

Participants can register online at www.marchfortheanimals.kintera.org to create personal fundraising pages. In-person registration will be held at the SPCA on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants can pick up pledge sheets at The Maryland SPCA at 3300 Falls Road in Baltimore, Baltimore-area Giant Food stores, Baltimore-area Starbuck's, Baltimore County Public Libraries, and the Enoch Pratt Free Libraries. For more information regarding the event, call Melissa Tracy 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. It is not a government agency or affiliated with any other SPCA or Human Society.