

Look at ALL the PRIZES!

Money must be received by 3:00 PM on the day of the Walk. The **Grand Prize Winner** is the one who has collected the most money and will get first choice of the prizes below. The **Runners Up** will select, in order of monies collected, from the remaining prizes until the prizes are gone.

PRIZES!

- Week's vacation for 12 at Kierwelann House in Wintergreen, pets welcome! / *Courtesy of the Odum Group at RE/MAX 100*
- Laser Sport Party for 8/ *Courtesy of XP Laser Sport*
- \$250 Gift Certificate / *Courtesy of Skin Care Institute*
- One hour Pet Photography session / *Courtesy of Stephanie Grutzmacher Photography*
- One Hour Therapeutic Massage / *Courtesy of JoAnn Grube*
- A Day of Beauty / *Courtesy of LOOKS Salon and Spa*
- 12" x 12" Custom Pet Painting / *Courtesy of KO Art and Design*
- One Hour Therapeutic Massage / *Courtesy of Valerie Lapcinski, LMT, Medical Pavilion at Howard County*
- \$60 Gift Certificate/Courtesy of The Yoga Center of Columbia

GENERAL INFO & GUIDELINES:

- The Walk is held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lots of fun activities will take place throughout the day.
- The Walk will be held rain or shine.
- You do not need to bring a pet to participate.
- You can register by mail using the Pre-Registration form in this brochure.
- Or, register online at: animal-advocates.org by using the symbol on the pre-registration form.
- Please try to get as many sponsors as possible. Use the sponsor sheet on the reverse and bring it with you to the Walk, and/or....
- **You can build your own personal fundraising page via our web site with your own photos and target goal to send to all your contacts! They can donate for you online!**
- Dogs must have current Rabies vaccine.
- Be courteous and keep dogs on close leash – no FLEXI-LEADS please.
- Owners are responsible for picking up after their pets.
- Cats benefit from our programs too, but for safety reasons please leave your feline friend at home.

Directions to Lake Elkhorn:

From Interstate 95:

- Take Exit for Route 32 to Columbia.
- Take Broken Land Pkwy Exit
- Bear right toward Owen Brown – Lake Elkhorn is approx. 0.4 miles ahead on right

From Route 29:

- Take Broken Land Pkwy Exit
- Bear right toward Owen Brown
- Lake Elkhorn is approx. 1.5 miles ahead on left

PARKING

Please park at the Lakeview Office Park (9801 Broken Land Parkway, Columbia 21045) on the opposite side of Broken Land Parkway from Lake Elkhorn. There is a walkway under the road to get to the Lake so you will NOT have to cross the road with your pet! Watch for signs and volunteers who will direct you.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

Platinum Paw



Howard County
TIMES

The Wallace-Smith Family
Ann and Paul Selnick In Loving Memory of Max Selnick
Martha and Bob Gagnon
Audrey, Jesse, and Evan Selnick

Gold Paw



Schultz/McDermott Family • The Young Family • The Outer Office
www.kathyosborne.com • The Beaglehouse
VCA Lewis Animal Hospital • VCA Columbia at Centre Park
VCA Columbia at Hickory Ridge • Aron Selnick and Biggles

Silver Paw

XP Laser Sport • David's Natural Market • bark!
LOOKS Salon and Spa • Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital
Acupuncturewithnooreen.com
The Coventry School for Dogs and Their People

Bronze Paw

Haight Funeral Home and Chapel • Grand Rental Events
Michael and Justin Yourtee • Dr. Deborah A. Wilson, DDS, PA
Triadelphia Veterinary Clinic • Skin Care Institute
Freetown Animal Hospital

ABOUT ANIMAL ADVOCATES

Animal Advocates is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to ending animal suffering in our area. In addition to helping Shelter pets, our efforts include taking high-risk animals with medical needs or those considered less adoptable into the safety of our rescue program. But that's not enough to truly end homelessness. Prevention is the key. That's why we also have a nationally recognized Spay/Neuter program to help needy residents, and a Humane Education program to teach kids about compassion and responsibility. Each year, we serve thousands of people and pets; our goal is to end the needless killing of adoptable animals in our metropolitan region.

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Join Animal Advocates
for the
WALK FOR PAWS!!

Join Animal Advocates of Howard County for the **WALK FOR PAWS!! AND PET FESTIVAL!!**



ANIMAL ADVOCATES
**WALK
FOR
PAWS**

You Don't Need to Bring A Pet To Participate

SATURDAY • Sept. 28, 2013

10 AM - 3 PM Rain or Shine

Lake Elkhorn, Columbia, Md

For more information call 410.880.2488 ext. 4 or visit

www.animal-advocates.org

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM:

A minimum \$30 registration fee is required to receive a Walk for Paws T-shirt and bandana. The only way to guarantee receipt of a T-shirt and bandana is to pre-register by Sept 24! T-shirts and bandanas will be available on Walk day only while supplies last.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

T-Shirt Size: S___ M___ L___ XL___ 2XL___ 3XL___

PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 24!

You can pre-register online at www.animal-advocates.org or mail this form along with your \$30 check payable to Animal Advocates to:

Animal Advocates of Howard County
P.O. Box 1403 / Ellicott City / 21041



Please bring any additional money the day of the Walk.

Remember you can build your own personal fundraising page via our web site with your own photos and target goals to send to all your contacts! They can donate for you online!

I cannot participate in the Walk but am sending my tax-deductible donation of \$_____

In consideration of my signing this agreement, I hereby for myself, my heirs, and my administrators assume any and all risks which might be associated with the Walk. I waive and release any and all rights to claims for damages which I may have against the organizers and all others connected with this event, their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me as a result of taking part in the Walk and any related activities.

Signature: _____

If Under 18, Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Animal Advocates of Howard County presents the 13th Annual Walk for Paws

Donor's Name	Amount Pledged	Donor's Name	Amount Pledged
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17		TOTAL \$:	

***The more money you bring,
the more gifts you get!****

\$100 or more: T-shirt, bandana, PLUS special gift of appreciation!

\$200 or more: All the above, PLUS embroidered baseball cap!

\$500 or more: All the above, PLUS \$50 Home Goods gift card!

*As available, while supplies last.

EVENT DAY REGISTRATION

T-Shirts and bandanas will be available on a first-come, first serve basis the day of the event for walkers bringing a minimum of \$30 in pledges, registration fee, or a combination of both. Registration begins at 10 am.

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Signature: _____

If under 18, Parent of Guardian _____

Walker's Name: _____

Pet's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

This is why we have the Walk for Paws



Autumn

The Story of Autumn

At a recent family gathering, watching all the animal-related emails, texts, and phone calls flying back and forth, a relative remarked "They can't possibly pay you people enough".

Indeed, "they" pay us nothing. And some days we feel that's exactly what we're worth. It seems hundreds of successes can't make up for one failure, which is exactly what we were facing after exhausting all possibilities for a Shelter pit bull named Autumn scheduled to be put down the next day. Because of our established spay/neuter program and our partnership with the Shelter,

animals are no longer killed due to space or time. But for the bully breeds, euthanasia is still not the uncommon occurrence we wish it was. And it always hurts. This time, it was especially painful because Autumn had been there over 3 months, with absolutely no interest. Although a sweet and loving girl, she was passed over repeatedly based only on her appearance. She was beginning to see things that weren't there, and to spin in circles. Although we understood the reasoning, the unfairness of a dog enduring homelessness this long only to succumb this way made us all sick.

We spent a sleepless night, hoping for a miracle, but none came. We asked our webmaster to take Autumn's picture off the web site so we didn't have to see her knowing she was gone.

Then, a phone call came from our Volunteer Coordinator who was clearly upset. Paula is normally calm and controlled. But we knew her sister Sue had been battling brain cancer so we feared the worst. Instead she said "Autumn is going to die". Paula was dog-less and reticent to commit because she wanted to focus on her sister's needs. We discussed that while some people are quick to jettison a pet during even a minor crisis, for others an animal can bring a sense of peace and normalcy when life is anything but. She was also concerned about fostering a pit bull due to the negative hype surrounding the breed, but she felt drawn to Autumn in a way that she couldn't ignore. She went on to explain that her sister Sue had run out of treatment options and the doctors now recommended hospice. After our discussion, Paula was firm that she needed to save someone's life, even if it couldn't be her sister's.

Dec 8: Paula writes: Autumn is back from her spay surgery, watching TV, though alert to when my husband or I leave the room. What a sweetie. Dec 9: Sue is coming over to dinner. Understand your point about Sue's balance problems being confusing to a dog, will be careful. Dec 10: Autumn loved Sue and the feeling was mutual! Autumn seemed to understand the need to be gentle, and nuzzled Sue's hand. The smile on Sue's face was priceless, and she continues to smile every time we talk about Autumn. Dec 12: Autumn is housetrained, not one mistake. Loves her toys but they don't last long! Dec 13: Autumn is a great dog. I keep shaking my head in wonder that her previous guardians weren't frantically looking for her, and that no one adopted her. She is incredible. You were right. This was the absolute right decision. Dec 14: She is wonderful. Dec 15: Actually there is one more thing. My husband and I do not plan to take Autumn to any adoption shows. She's not going anywhere. We want her forever. I'm getting one of those magnets for my car: Who Rescued Who? Dec 29: Thank you so much for allowing us to foster, then adopt, Autumn. My sister continues to decline. She is using a wheelchair now but we took her for a walk around the Lake yesterday. Autumn appeared not to notice the wheelchair at all; she only saw Sue. Autumn is the dog of a lifetime, truly. She is smart, calm, sensitive, affectionate, responsive, beautiful, and most of all funny. She makes me smile at a time when little else can. My husband, who swore he wasn't an animal person, cannot get enough of Autumn, which makes me even happier. We do not believe Autumn coming into our lives was a coincidence. On her "last day", I looked at the picture of Autumn in her wings, and it felt so clear I needed to do something life-affirming. It just took the right circumstances for me to realize it.

Animals have the incredible ability to do important Heart Work if they are given the chance. That's why we do what we do. No one could possibly pay us enough to do this job, so we gladly do it for nothing. Except the privilege to bear witness to the powerful relationships that occur between those who need each other, and we stand in awe of the beauty of it when it happens.

This year's Walk is held in Honor of Autumn, and in Loving Memory of Susan Schultz.

ANTICIPATED ATTRACTIONS

Our very special guests will be shelter and rescue pets looking for their FOREVER homes.

Lots of FUN activities for you and your dog:

- Agility Course
- Animal Communicator and Pet Massage
- Ask the Trainer Courtesy of the Coventry School
- Flyball Demo sponsored by the Coventry School and 4 Dog Night
- Contests, Games, Raffles!
- Lunch, snacks and drinks will be available!
- Unique Merchandise and Gift Items for Sale!
- Caricaturists, Pet Photographer, Kid's Table, \$20 Microchipping, and more!
- Please come and meet our favorite veterinarians who we trust year round to treat our homeless pets!