

 **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.

- ▶ 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*
- ▶ A Day of Beauty / *Courtesy of LOOKS Salon and Spa*
- ▶ 5-Hour Pet CPR and First Aid Class / *Courtesy of Merrill Warchal, PetStructor*
- ▶ \$100 Gift Certificate / *Courtesy of the Yoga Center of Columbia*
- ▶ One Hour Photography Session and Digital Images / *Courtesy of Brooke Tyson Photography*
- ▶ One Hour Therapeutic Massage / *Courtesy of JoAnn Grube*
- ▶ 12" x 12" Custom Pet Painting / *Courtesy of Kathy Osborne*
- ▶ One Hour Therapeutic Massage / *Courtesy of Valerie Lapcinski, LMT, Medical Pavilion at Howard County*
- ▶ \$250 Gift Certificate / *Courtesy of Skin Care Institute*
- ▶ \$100 Gift Certificate to *Earth Treks Climbing Center*
- ▶ \$150 Gift Card / *From Matt & Nat, Upscale Cruelty-Free Handbags*

 **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](http://animal-advocates.org) or 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.
- ▶ Dogs must be controlled by an adult at all times.
- ▶ 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.

 **Thank You to Our Sponsors**



- PLATINUM PAW**
- The Wallace-Smith Family
    - Ann and Paul Selnick
- in honor of Animal Advocates' 20th Anniversary
- Audrey, Jesse, and Evan Selnick

**GOLD PAW**



- VCA Lewis Animal Hospital
- VCA Columbia at Centre Park
- VCA Columbia at Hickory Ridge

[AcupunctureWithNoreen.com](http://AcupunctureWithNoreen.com)



- Schultz/McDermott Family
- The Outer Office • The Beaglehouse
- Martha and Bob Gagnon • Kathy Osborne Design

**SILVER PAW**

- LOOKS Salon and Spa • Countryside Veterinary Clinic
  - Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital • Aron Selnick
- Bark! • David's Natural Market • Pet Barn at Maple Lawn
  - The Coventry School for Dogs and Their People
  - DTZ Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc.

**BRONZE PAW**

- Grand Rental Events • Michael Yourtee • Howard Bank
- Dr. Deborah A. Wilson, DDS, PA • Brooke Tyson Photography
  - XP Laser Sport • Triadelphia Veterinary Clinic
- Patapsco Valley Veterinary Hospital • Skin Care Institute
  - Haight Funeral Home and Chapel, PA • Yvonne Carter
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Animal Advocates  
Saturday, Sept. 19  
10AM – 3PM

Join Animal Advocates of Howard County for the  
**15th ANNUAL WALK FOR PAWS AND PET FESTIVAL!!**



**LAKE ELKHORN COLUMBIA, MD**

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**10 AM – 3 PM**

For more information, call 410-880-2488 EXT #3 or visit [www.animal-advocates.org](http://www.animal-advocates.org)



## Registration Form

Please remember we are a non-profit charity and your registration helps fund our life-saving programs! A minimum \$30 registration is required to receive a Walk For Paws T-shirt and bandana. Please bring any additional monies the day of the Walk and don't forget to take a look at the Appreciation Prizes, as well as the Grand Prizes you could win!

**TO PRE-REGISTER:** Pre-registering is the **only** way to guarantee receipt of a T-Shirt in your size and a bandana. Follow the registration directions below but be sure to complete your registration by Sept 15!

**SAME DAY REGISTRATION:** We welcome walk-up registrations, but remember we can't promise you will get a T-shirt or that we will have your size.

**TO REGISTER ONLINE** please go to [www.animal-advocates.org](http://www.animal-advocates.org) or scan this symbol:



**You can complete a simple registration and payment, or you can build your own personal fundraising page with your own photos and target goals to send to all your contacts! They can donate to you online!**

**TO REGISTER BY MAIL** please send this form along with a \$30 check to:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL  2XL  3XL

Contact us for information on discounts for groups of 10 or more.

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/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Animal Advocates of Howard County Presents the 15th Annual Walk for Paws

Donor's Name	Amount Pledged	Donor's Name	Amount Pledged
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16		33	
17		<b>TOTAL \$:</b>	

### 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 of the above, PLUS something even better – check our Facebook page for a sneak peek!

\$500 or more: All of the above, PLUS \$50 Gift Card to Seasons 52 Fresh Grill and Wine Bar \*As available, while supplies last.

## 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

Your GPS may direct you to parking remote from the event. Instead, please watch for the signs and park in 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 please **DO NOT** cross the road with your pet! Watch for signs and volunteers who will direct you.

## 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 • Marjorie Williams, Animal Communicator
- Pet massage • Ask the Trainer, courtesy of the Coventry School
- Contests, games, raffles! • Lunch, snacks and drinks will be available
- Unique merchandise and gift items for sale!
- Flyball demo courtesy of 4DogNight • Caricaturists, pet photographer, kid's table, \$20 microchipping, and more!

**Meet some of our favorite veterinarians who are kind enough to support our life-saving efforts.**

## Izzie's Story

Izzie needs a hero. She was adopted as a puppy, and thought she had a home. Now six years later, through no fault of her own, and when her chances of being adopted are much slimmer, Izzie is desperate to find a place to call her own.

When an animal is badly abused, set on fire, or otherwise tortured, offers of help immediately pour in. But each day,

thousands of animals are quietly given up to animal shelters. Some of them have been in multiple homes by the time they reach adulthood. Others, like Izzie, have spent years with the same people, only to be jettisoned during normal life changes such as moving or having a baby. Their stories get little attention, but due to the sheer number of them, perhaps they are the ones that should shock us the most.

While it's become trendy to call it "re-homing," that's a rather soft word for the harsh reality of what the cat or dog in question will experience. We don't like the term because it seems to gloss over the fact that pets are living beings with feelings and emotions, not items to be discarded or recycled. What the word really means is that an animal will be confused, scared, and anxious when everything they have ever known is ripped from them. It is not uncommon for an animal to refuse food or to play. The depression can last weeks or even months while they wait in vain for their former people to come for them. This is what we see almost every day, but it is still heartbreaking each and every time.

And this is what Izzie is going through right now. She doesn't understand what's happening, why she is surrounded by strangers, or why her world has suddenly changed. She is a good dog, very calm, smart, and well-mannered. She loves her toys and has never had an accident in the house. She enjoys walking, and a fenced yard would be heaven for her. She's an introvert by nature, so would probably do best with quiet people who live a low-key lifestyle. Like most of us, she's not perfect; she isn't crazy about being left alone for long periods, prefers people she knows, and likes to choose her own dog friends. She will bond tightly when she finds someone who understands her.

Adopting animals like Izzie are what it takes to truly have a "no-kill nation". If no one steps forward to adopt the older animals or ones who require special consideration, we cannot progress.

Unlike some dogs who are abused, mistreated, or abandoned, Izzie's story is much more subtle. The suffering is emotional rather than physical, but it is there all the same. Every homeless dog needs a hero. Izzie is waiting.



## 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.