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THE ANTI-CRUELTY SOCIETY HOSTS
17TH ANNIVERSARY BARK IN THE PARK, SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011
Rain or Shine, This Fun-Filled Day Celebrating Our Four-legged Friends
Annually Attracts Over 3,500 Fans

Thousands of Chicago-area animal lovers will be high-tailing it to the **17th Anniversary Bark in the Park, Saturday, May 7th beginning at 9 a.m.**, at Chicago's Montrose Harbor (4400 north at the lake, east of Lake Shore Drive in Lincoln Park). Attended last year by over 3,500 fans, **Bark in the Park** is an annual tradition created to raise funds and awareness for The Anti-Cruelty Society's programs and services.

More than 3,500 walkers, most joined by their canine companions, are expected to congregate at this year's event. The 3.2 mile (5K) walk, which begins at 9 a.m. Festivities include Denise Zak, Animal Intuitive, Hawk City K9 agility demonstrations, doggie massage, a dog/owner look-alike contest, cutest pet tricks and even a doggie fashion parade. Cat owners can make a pin to show their love to their cat's that can't attend this dog friendly event.

Additional specials include a family fun tent, free snacks for the walkers, and goodies for the dogs. Walkers can also enjoy free product samples from our sponsor's tents, and no one should go home without a souvenir photo.

Sponsored by ABC7, Hill's Science Diet, PetSmart and Harris Investment Management, Bark in the Park is made possible due to the generosity of Starbucks, Stanley's Fruit & Vegetables, Hinckley Springs and many more corporate sponsors and individual supporters.

For a glimpse of last year's walk, along with registration and pledge forms, prospective participants are invited to visit www.barkinthepark.org. For more information call the **Bark in the Park** hotline at 312-329-8726 or email events@anticruelty.org. Advance registration is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children 12 and under, dogs and children under 3 are free. Walkers may register and raise funds on line. Pre-registration and packet pick-up will take place at the Society's Education & Training Center, 169 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, Thursday April 28th and Friday April 29th, Noon – 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 30th, 10 a.m. – 2p.m.

About The Anti-Cruelty Society

The Anti-Cruelty Society is Chicago's oldest and largest, private, open-admission, unlimited stay humane society. With a mission of building a community of caring by helping pets and educating people, its comprehensive programs and services help over 50,000 animals and humans every year and include: adoption, charity veterinary clinic, low or no-cost spay/neuter clinic, cruelty investigation and rescue, humane education & community outreach, a free behavior hotline, dog training classes, S.A.F.E. program (short-term accommodations for emergencies), The Bruckner Rehabilitation & Treatment Center and Virginia Butts Berger Cat Clinic. For more information, visit www.anticruelty.org.

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