

Greater New Bedford Pet Fest and Walk set for May 6

The Coalition for Animals of Greater New Bedford will be having its 19th Annual Pet Fest and Walk for Animals on Sunday, May 6th, at Buttonwood Park (next to Lawler Library, 745 Rockdale Ave) in New Bedford from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm, rain or shine. It's a fun-filled day for people and their companion animals to come and join us for a 2-mile walk around beautiful Buttonwood Park as well as see lots of entertainment! Animal lovers without dogs are also welcome!

We need your help to raise funds to help injured, sick, homeless, abandoned and neglected animals in our community!

There is a \$15 Registration fee, but please help us raise as much as you can by asking friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to sponsor you for the Walk for Animals. Check to see if your employer has a Gift Matching Program. We have great prizes for kids raising the most amount over \$200 and adults raising the most amount over \$500!

Last year, the event was attended by approximately 800 people and 300 dogs! Each year we try to make it bigger and better! This year we are expecting over 60 vendor and information booths, including rescue groups, shelters, face painting, raffle items and other fun activities. Come to the Puppy Kissing Booth and get a smooch for \$1! Get a pet ID tag at Mellisa's Pet Depot booth. Check out the Raffle tables with all the awesome raffle baskets and items. Center ring demonstrations will be provided by Buttonwood Park Zoo, the New Bedford K-9 Police Unit and Harmonious Hounds dog trainers, which are just part of the day's entertainment. There will also be awesome music, refreshment, and food vendors!

The event will be hosted by WBSM legendary radio show celebrity Phil Paleologos, and music will be provided by the very talented Dave Antunes Sound Company. Registration will be between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 pm and the Walk will begin at 12:00 pm with a Blessing of the Animals.

We are proud to announce our very generous Pet Fest sponsors this year: BayCoast Bank, Blue Buffalo Pet Food, , Carabiner's Fitness Centers, Rockland Trust, Mellisa's Pet Depot, Harmonious Hounds, Merrick, Midwestern, Mr. Cesspool Sanitation Service, St. Anne's Credit Union, Top Shelf Bar and Grill and World's Best Cat Litter!

100% of all the proceeds from the event will be used to support our many programs, including our newest, Pets Beside Vets Adoption Program, in which we subsidize the adoption fee for a local veteran who has served in a war and is under a doctor's care so he or she can adopt an animal from a local participating shelter. Studies show that veterans who experience post-traumatic stress syndrome have lower blood pressure and fewer suicide attempts when they own a pet. With your support, this program can help veterans and shelter animals find the perfect, needed match!

The Coalition For Animals is an all-volunteer nonprofit charitable organization of individuals and local animal rescue groups dedicated to helping animals. Our mission is to create awareness in the community for the humane treatment of all animals, to help end the problems of companion animal overpopulation through spay/neuter programs, to promote the adoption of homeless companion animals and to provide people with the educational information they need to help keep their animals safe and healthy. Visit our website at www.coalitonforanimals.com and "Like" us on Facebook!

The Pet Fest and Walk for Animals is a fun-filled 'dog day'! It's a great way to celebrate the animals in our lives and help animals in need in our community. Walk brochures and

sponsor sign-up sheets are available at Mellisa's Pet Depot in Dartmouth and Fairhaven, and at the larger parks throughout New Bedford, You can also log onto www.coalitionforanimals.com to download the registration form and sponsor sign up sheet. The vendor booth application is also on our website. Check out our Facebook event page for more details www.facebook.com/events/377156409415257/

Create an online fundraising page to maximize your impact:
<https://www.razoo.com/fundraise/start>

Select "Humane Coalition for Animals of Greater New Bedford" as your certified charity! Not sure what to write?

Check our sample page
here:<https://www.razoo.com/story/Samplepetfestfundraiser>

Please contact us for event sponsorship opportunities. Participate in the Walk for Animals by getting people to sponsor you to help raise money and help animals!