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THIRD ANNUAL DEFEND YOUR FRIEND 5K/FUN WALK

(Columbus, OH) – The third annual Defend Your Friend 5K Run/1K Fun Walk will be Thursday, August 6 at Homestead Park in Hilliard. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Capital Area Humane Society’s Animal Cruelty Investigations program.

All runners, walkers and friendly, socialized dogs are welcome to attend. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the race starts at 7 p.m. The entry fee for Capital Area Humane Society members is \$20 per person, non-members is \$25, and each dog is \$5 to enter into the race. The first 250 registrants and 50 dogs will receive an event t-shirt or bandana. The entry fee is the minimum amount required to participate. Participants can create teams with friends or co-workers and even create their own fundraising page online to help raise even more money to help support the Capital Area Humane Society’s Cruelty Investigations Department.

Participants can register online at www.premierraces.com or visit the Capital Area Humane Society and fill-out a registration form. Prizes will be awarded, immediately following the race.

The event is sponsored by ABC6 and FOX 28, The Buggy Family, Running Cat Creative, Samuel H Shamansky Co., LPA, The Showe Family, Pet Butler, Cheryl’s Doggie Daycare, Dairy Queen, Heidi’s Homemade, Liberty Mutual, Panera Bread, G&J Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Columbus, PetPeople, Walgreens and Whole Foods.

The Capital Area Humane Society, a non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1883, provides programs and services for animals and people in Central Ohio. The Capital Area Humane Society is the lead agency in Franklin County investigating cases of animal cruelty, abuse and neglect. Our commissioned humane agents enforce all local laws pertaining to the care and treatment of animals as reported by members of the public and partner agencies including other law enforcement agencies, health departments, code enforcement and social service agencies. For more information about the Capital Area Humane Society, visit www.cahs-pets.org.

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