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“GOODSPEED TAILS” PET ADOPTION EVENT

Goodspeed Musicals to Host Connecticut Animal Rescue Groups at Special Adoption and Education Event

EAST HADDAM, CONN. June 25, 2019: Goodspeed Musicals is thrilled to partner with several animal welfare organizations for a special *Goodspeed Tails* pet adoption awareness showcase.

Multiple local pet adoption organizations will be on-campus for this unique pet adoption event. Shelters and rescues large and small will gather on the lawn of the Goodspeed Opera House to feature wonderful animals in need of forever homes.

This event will take place on Saturday, July 13 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, weather permitting. Attendees will be able to meet animals available for adoption on sight as well as make plans for adopting in the future.

In addition there will be opportunities to learn more about outreach, welfare, foster and wellness programs. Participating organizations include Bandit's Place, BarkVille, Connecticut Animal House, Connecticut Humane Society, Help Willy's Friends, Homeward Bound, Meriden Humane Society, Our Companions and Protector of Animals.

This event is being held in conjunction with The Goodspeed's production of *Because Of Winn Dixie*, a new musical about a girl, a stray dog and a town they'll change forever. *Because of Winn Dixie* will run at The Goodspeed from June 28 to September 1, 2019. Cast of the new musical *Because of Winn Dixie* will be on hand to assist with adoptions.

As Bill Berloni, Tony Award-winning Animal Director of *Because of Winn Dixie*, *Annie* and many more says, “if we can change one person's thinking and save one animal's life, it is all worth it.”

Goodspeed encourages you to adopt a rescue animal and bring home your very own four-legged star.

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ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS

Bandit's Place

In 1982 I went to a dog pound looking for a dog that had been advertised for adoption. I came out instead with a smelly, cross-eyed pooch that I had to bathe three times to see her actual colors. Over time, Bandit became an inspiration to all who met her. She taught kids who had been abused that fear and mistrust could be overcome with love and understanding. Bandit's Place is a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing homeless animals and placing them in loving, forever homes. It matters not where they've come from, but it matters greatly where they go.

BarkVille

Established in 2016 BarkVille Dog Rescue is an all-volunteer 501(C)3 Not-for-Profit Organization that is headquartered in Jasper, GA., with a second office in East Haddam, CT. Our Organization is dedicated to rescuing all breeds of dogs from those most in need to those readily adoptable, from any situation where their life may be in danger. We are committed to finding each of these dogs a loving and caring family to be their forever home, while also showing our volunteers how much we appreciate the work they do to make this happen.

Connecticut Animal House

CT Animal House is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to ending the euthanasia of adoptable dogs in Connecticut Pounds. We provide funds for emergency medical expenses, evaluation and adoption promotion. It's our mission to give every Pound dog the best chance of adoption.

Connecticut Humane Society

The Connecticut Humane Society is the leading resource in the state for companion animal welfare, enriching the lives of families and communities through adoption services, medical care, education, and prevention of cruelty. The Connecticut Humane Society is not affiliated with any national animal welfare groups, does not receive government funding, and does not euthanize for time, space, breed or age. To learn more about the Connecticut Humane Society, please visit www.cthumane.org.

Help Willy's Friends

Help Willy's Friends is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare charity that collects pet food, supplies, and monetary donations, which are then distributed among the community's animal shelters, rescue groups, pet pantries, and related organizations. Help Willy's Friends partners with the entire community, including local businesses and veterinary practices, to accomplish its mission.

Homeward Bound

Homeward Bound CT is a group of dedicated volunteers whose only goal is to help rescues find forever homes for the dogs they've pulled from municipal pounds, high kill shelters, and taken in as owner surrenders or strays. These individuals are the real heroes. They open their homes and hearts to dogs that others have turned their backs on. They feed them, provide vet care, and shower them with love. It's because of these amazing people that we are able to help so many dogs find safe, loving homes.

Meriden Humane Society

We believe it is our moral responsibility protect/improve the lives of animals in our care and to place them in loving permanent homes.

We can help the animals in our care by providing necessary medical care, sterilizations, consistent training, and a safe and healthy environment with unconditional love. These are critical for ensuring we set them up for future successes.

We are committed to working collectively with others who share our dedication and passion for the voiceless.

We are committed to helping our Community Members by providing food/supply assistance, education on the importance of pet sterilization, responsible pet ownership, disease control, humane treatment of animals, and resources to assist with a variety of challenges faced as a pet owner.

Our Companions

Our Companions mission is to advocate for animals in need by engaging compassionate people to help provide innovative community programs.

It is our promise to always do the right thing for animals and we are committed to helping animals in need today, while also providing programs to prevent animals from becoming homeless.

Protector of Animals

We are a nonprofit 501(c)3 no-kill animal shelter and rescue. POA was formed in 1975 to rescue abandoned, abused and stray cats and dogs. Today we are one of the oldest and most respected animal welfare organizations in the northeast. POA is here to stay! You will not find a more dedicated, experienced or thorough resource for improving the lives of

Connecticut cats and dogs. We confine our focus to our home state because this is where our infrastructure and resources reside, as well as our leadership.

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