

# **It's That Time Again!**

## **Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet 2009 Walk for the Animals**

Come one, come all on Saturday, February 21, 2009 for a morning filled with lots of paws and tails and fun for everyone! Join us at scenic Bayfront Park in downtown Miami for a fun morning of activities, contests, demonstrations and entertainment all to benefit the Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet.

We have an event planned this year that's bigger than ever! Our annual Walk for the Animals is the only fundraising walk-a-thon in Miami for dogs and their owners.

### **What's It All For?**

It's all for the 2,000 animals that make their temporary home at the Humane Society of Greater Miami each year. The Humane Society of Greater Miami is dedicated to placing every dog and cat in our care into a loving home, and to promoting responsible pet ownership and spay/neuter programs.

To achieve our mission, we must be so much more than a shelter. And we are. We offer programs and services throughout our community to educate, inform and inspire people to take responsible care of their pets, spay and neuter, and treat animals with the kindness they deserve. We set the example ourselves by guaranteeing every healthy, adoptable, animal in our care a second chance, free from the threat of euthanasia.

### **Why Your Help Is Needed?**

Many dogs and cats come into our shelter each year and they all need your help. They need food, shelter, vaccinations, toys, love and most importantly they need us to find them a forever home. By directly raising money for the Walk for the Animals, you help the animals in our care at the Humane Society of Greater Miami. Thanks in advance for helping us do what we do!

### **Fun Facts about the Walk for the Animals**

- Close to 3,000 walkers in 2008 helped us raise more than \$170,000.
- The Walk is the Humane Society of Greater Miami's largest annual event.
- All of the proceeds from the Walk benefit the animals in our care.
- With an annual budget of more than \$4 million, the Humane Society of Greater Miami finds homes for more than 2,000 animals per year.
- The Humane Society of Greater Miami receives no government funding. We are funded 100% by private donations and through special fundraising events such as the Walk for the Animals.

**Please Walk with us to Help the Animals!**

## **Be Your Own Person:** **Walk as an Individual**

On your own, you can help the felines and canines at the Humane Society of Greater Miami by asking friends, family, co-workers and anyone else to sponsor you in the Walk. In this package you will find your Individual Pledge Form. Remember, the top fundraiser is eligible to win a fabulous prize.

### **Create your own on-line fundraising web page**

It takes just a few minutes to create your own personal web page to raise money for the 2009 Walk for the Animals. Just go to [www.firstgiving.com/hsgm](http://www.firstgiving.com/hsgm) and follow the easy instructions.

Once you have completed your custom webpage you will be ready to send your link to all of your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and everyone you know that would like to support you in your quest to help homeless pets! Your webpage automatically keeps track of your donations. And it will also send out a thank you note on your behalf to all your donors! It's that simple! It's that easy!

### **Pre-registration**

For those of you who would like to individually pre-register, please visit the Humane Society of Greater Miami Soffer and Fine Adoption Center from Noon, Monday, February 10 – Noon, Friday, February 20. Please bring your individual pledge form and all checks from your donors made payable to the Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet.

### **On-site registration**

You can also register on-site the day of the event, Saturday, February 21, 2009 beginning at 8:30 am. The Walk kicks off at 10:00 am.