

## **RUNWAY GOES TO THE DOGS FOR PAWPURRAZZI '09 HOSTED BY THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI ADOPT-A-PET, SOUTH MOTORS AND SAKS FIFTH AVENUE, DADELAND**

(Miami) – Miami's top dogs strutted the catwalk in support of the Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet for the second year at Jungle Island. An all-star lineup of pet-loving philanthropists were present, including Chairpersons Pat and Milton Wallace, "Top Dogs and Best in Show" Pamela Garrison and R. Kirk Landon; "Humane-itarrians and Best of Breed" Bunny Bastian, Anna May and Eugene Conese, Marisa Cisneros-Rizzon and her husband Marcos Rizzon, and Nancy, Jon, and Sandy Batchelor. Mrs. Tova Leidesdorf, Sally and Seymour Nash, and Allison Nash-Zelkowitz and husband Steven Zelkowitz were also in attendance serving as the "Animal Ambassadors" and their pups as the "Star Dogs". Luxury car dealer and presenting sponsor, South Motors with Mascot, Luky, showed their support in helping to raise more than \$400,000 for more than 200 homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens cared for each day at the Soffer and Fine Adoption Center in North Miami Beach.

Hundreds of pampered pooches wearing the latest in dog fashions, from studded collars and leashes to tuxedos and tutus, enjoyed portraits drawn by sketch artists, makeovers, doggie ice cream and treats. Their fashionable counterparts enjoyed an exciting silent auction, a grand selection of hors d'oeuvres by Jungle Island and cocktails by Bacardi. During the seated dinner, Chairperson Pat Wallace introduced Miami's glamourati as they did their best catwalk with pups in tow for the "Great Pets Who Walk In Front of Great People" show followed by ready-to-wear poolside looks by Saks Fifth Avenue, Dadeland. The vibrant guest list included Dr. Fredric Brandt, Swanee and Paul DiMare, Jeanette and Ted Fine, Barbara and Mort Guilford, Helene and Marc Kovens, D.J. and Steven Kerr, Linda and Patrick McEnany, Jackie and Jorge Munilla, Anna Rentz, Kathie Schlesinger, Bob and Sookey Schwartz, Mayor Glenn Singer, Rebecca Spinale, Fanny and Charles Dascal, Janie and Jimmy Tate and Robyn Tauber.

Karla Dascal, of Karla Conceptual Event Experiences, lent her talent to Pawpurrazzi and made it a truly spectacular affair with her impeccable and exquisite style. Stephanie Tisch, of Seraph Design + Branding, left her creative "paw print" on the design of the invitation which was also incorporated into the event's décor. Special support was also given to the event by emcee Lisa Petrillo of CBS4, Zakarin Public Relations, Stella's Sweet Shoppe, and world-renowned artist Marc Tetro.

The Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet has been helping homeless animals in Miami-Dade County since 1936 and is dedicated to placing every dog and cat in their care into a loving home, and to promote responsible pet ownership and spay/neuter programs.