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**Dogs Drinking Beer: *BAD!***  
**Humans Drinking Beer to Help Dogs: *GOOD!***  
**Pints for Pups Beer Tasting & Art Auction Preview to Benefit**  
**Animals and Services of the Humane Society of Berks County**

While the Humane Society of Berks County (HSBC), Berks County's leader in animal welfare, strongly discourages dog lovers from sharing a malt beverage with their canine friends, it strongly encourages beer lovers to help dogs by attending the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pints for Pups Beer Tasting & Auction Preview!** The event, to be held Saturday, February 17 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, doubles (triples?) as a fundraiser for the HSBC, a 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for Reading's own **Legacy Brewing Company**, and offers a preview of art to be auctioned at the HSBC's Art for Arf's Sake Art Auction. Last year's Pints for Pups was a surprise hit and a near sell-out. The HSBC expects even more growth in this fun event this year, with new offerings, entertainment, and libations!

"Last year we thought PFP (Pints for Pups) would be a nice little event for maybe a hundred of our best friends," says Karel Minor, HSBC Executive Director. "When nearly two-hundred people arrived, we knew we were on to something!" This year's Pints for Pups will once again be hosted by Canal Street Pub & Restaurant, 535 Canal Street, Reading, and sponsored by Legacy Brewing Company. New event sponsor Barefoot Wine, will give those preferring wine something to sample, too. The \$25 ticket includes sampling a variety of Legacy Brews, Barefoot Wine, great Canal Street food, non-alcoholic beverages, as well as a custom 2007 Pints for Pups pint glass, underwritten by event sponsor Berkshire Commons Assisted Living.

Live musical entertainment will be provided by Neo Trio, the locally beloved "piano rock" band. While folks are enjoying the food, drink, and music, they'll have a chance to preview most of the art available at the HSBC's Art for Arf's Sake Art Auction to be held at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Many pieces will be available for purchase at Pints for Pups with special "Buy It Now" pricing for those who just can't wait for the auction. The list of artists providing art for the auction is a veritable who's who of the art community including

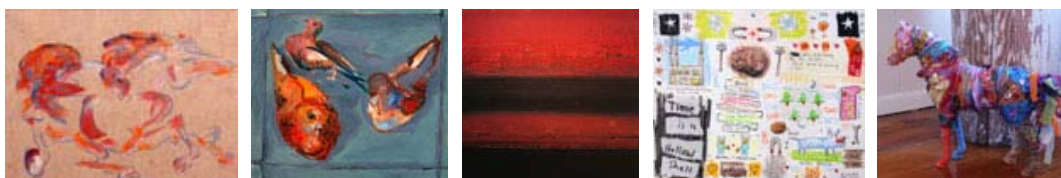
regionally and nationally known artists like Robbie Pepper, Peter Stolvoort, Richard Houck, Kerry Weaver, and many, many others (images of most of the pieces available at the auction are on the HSBC's website at [www.berkshumane.org](http://www.berkshumane.org)).

Last year's Pints for Pups and Art for Arf's Sake Art Auction combined to raise nearly \$25,000 for the animals, making it one of the largest fundraisers of its type in Berks County. The Humane Society has even higher hopes this year and credits last year's success in large part to the opening of the GoggleWorks. "When Governor Rendell and Al Boscov helped to get the GoggleWorks project moving, I'm not sure they knew that it would help animals and animal welfare, too," said Minor. However, the increased interest in art, the influx and concentration of artists in one place, and the opening of an ideal venue for the auction combined to turn the HSBC's previously lackluster auction into a wild success. Commented Minor, "It really goes to show how a rising tide raises all boats."

For those wanting a sneak peek (and taste) of the Pints for Pups Beer Tasting & Auction Preview can stop by the Humane Society this Friday, February 9, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM for its regular Furry Friday Open House and Art Exhibition series. Selections of auction art will be on display, as well as samplings of Legacy Beer, Barefoot Wine, and great food. Unlike the Pints Preview and the Arf's Art Auction, which are ticketed events, Furry Fridays are free and open to the public (RSVP's to [hsbc@berkshumane.org](mailto:hsbc@berkshumane.org) are appreciated).

The Humane Society of Berks County serves all of Berks County and surrounding communities. It is a private, non-profit organization funded through donations and service fees. In addition to enforcing Pennsylvania's animal cruelty laws, the Humane Society offers adoption services, spay and neuter services, humane education, pet behavioral counseling, and helps stray, injured and mistreated animals. The Humane Society is located at 1801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading.

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L to R: Peter Stolvoort, Richard Houck, Kerry Weaver, Dave "Big Dutch" Nally, Nancey Seghetti. Additional images are available at [www.berkshumane.org/events/events\\_arts.asp](http://www.berkshumane.org/events/events_arts.asp) and Hi Res images can be provided upon request to [kminor@berkshumane.org](mailto:kminor@berkshumane.org).