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special walktoberfest edition!

**29TH ANNUAL
LINDY SCHOLAR WALK
SEPT 30, 2006**

CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS! 29TH ANNUAL LINDY SCHOLAR WALK FOR THE ANIMALS & WALKTOBERFEST

Join the Humane Society of Berks County on Saturday, September 30, at Shearer's Barbeque Grove in Sinking Spring, for the 29th Annual Lindy Scholar Walk for the Animals! Following on the amazing growth of the Walk in the last two years (nearly 1,000 joined us on 2005), this year's Walk is bigger and better than ever, with a new location, lots more to do and learn, and expanded Walktoberfest activities. Shearer's Grove, only minutes from Reading and an easy exit off Route 222, provides easy access, easy parking, and all the space needed for added events, education, music, entertainment, food and drink. "We are really excited about this new location," said Karel Minor, HSBC executive director. "Last year's Walk doubled in size and was the biggest in our history. We hope to do the same this year and make this one of the biggest and most successful walks in the area."

This year's Walk features a one-mile course along scenic fields and wooded trails. Rest and water areas are provided along the way so you can wet your dog's whistle and enjoy the spectacular views. After the Walk, stick around to learn about dozens of local animal welfare organizations and other non-profits, eat some delicious food offered by Konopelski Katering, enjoy a locally brewed beer or glass of wine in the shady beer and wine garden, and listen to some great music. You can also enter your dog in

one of the canine contests. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest and smallest dogs, most adorable puppy, best trick, best-dressed dog, and other categories. Walktoberfest activities that will be going on all day. (See complete details about the Walktoberfest in the accompanying article.)

Of course, a good time isn't the only reason for the Walk. The 29th Annual Lindy Scholar Walk for the Animals is intended to raise awareness of the needs of the homeless, neglected and abused animals of Berks County and generate funds to help the Humane Society fulfill its humane mission. As a private, non-profit charity receiving no funds from any national animal welfare organizations, the Humane Society of Berks County relies on individual donations and special events like the Walk. The average cost of providing humane services (food, medication, vaccinations, housing, veterinary care, transport, training, etc.) to **one** animal at the HSBC is nearly \$100. This year alone, the Humane Society will house over 7,000 animals. "Because we rely almost entirely on individual donations to support our vital work for the animals of Berks County, we need your help now," said Karel Minor. "Please register for the Walk and gather sponsors to raise vitally needed funds. This is an opportunity for you to make a life and death difference for an animal."

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WHAT?

29th Annual Lindy Scholar Walk for the Animals & Walktoberfest

WHEN?

Saturday, September 30, 2006, 11AM to 3:30 PM (registration and sign in for Walk starts at 10:00 AM. Walk & Walktoberfest start at 11:00 AM)

WHERE?

Shearer's Barbeque Ranch, Sinking Spring. An easy exit off Route 222!

COST?

The Walktoberfest is **free!** Pre-registration donation for the Walk is \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 6-17, free for kids 5 and under. See registration form for complete details.

WHY?

To raise funds and awareness in support of the homeless, neglected and abused animals of Berks County and beyond.

MORE INFORMATION:

For more information or directions to the Walk, go online at www.berkshumane.org or call the Humane Society at 610-921-2348.

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THERE ARE THREE EASY WAYS TO HELP:

1. **Pre-register for the Walk.** Your \$20 pre-registration donation (\$10 for kids aged 6-17) will reserve a cool Walk t-shirt! Individual registration deadline is September 22.
2. **Gather sponsorships in support of the Walk.** If everyone who walked last year had raised just \$100 in sponsorships, we would have raised enough to cover all of our food and emergency veterinary and cruelty law enforcement expenses for an entire year. This year, if you raise \$200 or more in pledges you can will receive a Walk sweatshirt.

3. **Bring along a friend or two!** Even if they come just for the food and the music, the more people who come to hear about the Humane Society's work, the more successful the event will be. Please see the registration page or go online for complete registration and sponsorship details.

Be a part of the fun! Join the Humane Society at the Walk and be a part of the fight to improve the lives of animals in your neighborhood and beyond!

WALKTOBERFEST FEATURES AN ALL-STAR, ALL-BERKS MUSIC LINE UP!

You may come for the Walk but you should stay for the Walktoberfest! Walktoberfest features food, drink, fun and lots of music. This year's excellent music line up features the best of Berks County- from local favorites to nationally recognized musicians.

Headlining this year's Walktoberfest is the nationally acclaimed local wonder, Frog Holler. Creating their own musical niche of "Dutchified" alt-country, this extremely talented band of local boys has been spreading the gospel of Berks County around a receptive United States and world. But don't just take our word for it; see what the big media guys have to say about Frog Holler:

"The playing is inspired and loose, the harmonies thick, and the album (current release, *Haywire*) sounds like a band very sure of itself and having fun making music... Despite the fact that the band has toured the country, the band retains its Berks identity."- **THE READING EAGLE**

"A lot of bands are experimenting with Neil Young's country-folk-rock fusion, trying to capture that elusive mix of unguarded lyricism and fuzzy-amped aggression. None of them have done it better than Frog Holler."
- **THE WASHINGTON POST.**

The next stop on the All-Berks, All-Star Review is The Youngers. The Youngers may be labeled as alt-country, but they have a pretty good lean toward the country and the southern rock end of the spectrum. Their debut album, *Output*, has been garnering enthusiastic response from fans and the press around the country.

Providing the oddest musical time warp you are likely to hear, the Manatawny Creek Ramblers offers straight-up bluegrass with some surprises. Working their way through old and new bluegrass and old-time music standards, you'll be surprised to find a few twists along the way.

Also featured will be the Humane Society of Berks County's honorary "house band", New Fusion Assembly. If you've ever wondered what would happen if King Crimson, Mahavishnu Orchestra, and Brand X had a baby delivered by Frank Zappa, New Fusion Assembly is the band for you. These virtuoso musicians put a unique spin on an amalgamation of diverse musical influences.

Walktoberfest starts at 11:00 am and continues with non-stop music until 3:30 PM. Parking and entertainment are free. For additional information about the Walktoberfest or the bands playing, go online at www.berkshumane.org.



New Fusion Assembly



The Youngers



Frog Holler



Manatawny Creek Ramblers

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BERKS COUNTY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Humane Society of Berks County is funded through donations, service fees, and special events like the Walk.

The money you raise by registering for the Walk and finding sponsors helps to fund:

Rescuing and sheltering nearly 7,000 animals a year: This year the HSBC will provide food, shelter and medical care to about 4,000 cats, 2,000 dogs and 1,000 exotics, small pets and farm animals.

ADOPTION SERVICES: Through adoptions to the public and partnerships with breed rescue organizations, the HSBC finds thousands of loving new homes for homeless pets. Thanks to innovative new adoption programs and increased public support, the HSBC increased its adoptions by 17% in 2005 (thank you, Berks County!)

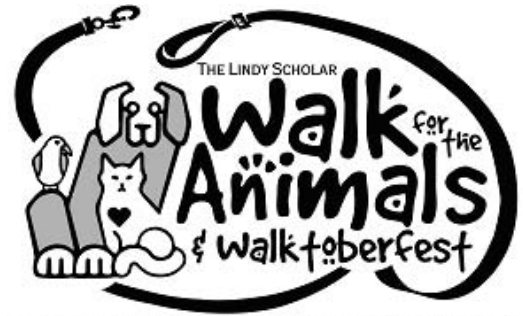
HUMANE EDUCATION: Good pet owners aren't born, they're made! That's why the HSBC educates thousands of children and adults each year. By sowing the seeds of compassion and kindness toward animals now, we're trying reap the benefits for years to come.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: As the lead agency for the Berks County Animal Response Team (Berks CART), the HSBC is here to respond to floods and other disasters. Through its nationally recognized PetNet program, the HSBC provides emergency housing for the pets of victims of domestic violence, major illness or personal catastrophe.

ANIMAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Through cruelty and animal law investigations, the HSBC protects and animals and people from the effects of abuse, neglect and incompetence. Our 24-hour-a-day emergency ambulance service rescues injured pets, anytime and anywhere in Berks County.

LOW-COST VETERINARY SERVICES: By providing low-cost spay/neuter, vaccination and microchipping services to the public, the HSBC provides care to animals that would not otherwise receive it- leading to healthier pets and fewer unwanted animals.

These are only a few of the many important services and programs provided by the Humane Society of Berks County. Each is made possible only through the support of private donors- donors like you! By supporting the Walk, you become an important and vital part of the HSBC's mission!



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BERKS COUNTY
BERKS COUNTY'S LEADER IN ANIMAL WELFARE

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

September 22, 2006 is the early registration deadline to ensure that you receive your cool Walk t-shirt! Pack pre-registration deadline is September 4.

YES, I will be attending the Walk for the Animals!

I have enclosed my pre-registration donation to help the animals and to ensure I reserve my t-shirt(s). (If you will be collecting pledges, make sure to reserve your extra t-shirt or sweatshirt below!)

_____ # of adult walkers (\$20 fee per adult walker)

_____ # of walkers 6-17 years of age (\$10 fee per walker)

(please list ages: _____)

_____ children 5 and under free/t-shirt not included

_____ \$ TOTAL REGISTRATION ENCLOSED

Shirt sizes (adult sizes only) Indicate how many of each size:

SM: _____ M: _____ LG: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____

I will be raising at least **\$200** in pledges! Please reserve me one Walk sweatshirt _____ or t-shirt _____ (select only one), adult sized: S: _____ M: _____ LG: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____

I can't attend but would like to make a donation to your worthy cause. \$ _____ In memory of: _____

I am a Pack Walker Pack Name _____

Walker's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Credit Card Number _____

VISA MasterCard Discover (circle one) Card ID Number _____ Exp. date _____

(Your card ID number is a 3-digit number on the back of your Visa or MasterCard)

Signature _____

Would you like more brochures to share with friends and co-workers? Tell us how many and we'll get them right out to you! How many? _____

Please make checks payable to
The Humane Society of Berks County and mail with this form to:
Walk for the Animals 2006, The Humane Society of Berks County
1801 N. 11th Street, Reading, PA 19604

Running late? Register online at berkshumane.org
If you miss pre-registration, you can still register at the Walk!
(t-shirt not guaranteed)

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