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The Auction at Tennis Ball 2017: Fête for Pets offers Fire, Electricity and Fun in the Sun

Excitement is building as the tennis ball nears! There are still tickets available for the Boca Grande Club’s Ninth Annual Tennis Ball - Fête for Pets on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 PM in the Clubhouse at the Boca Grande Club. All proceeds to benefit the Suncoast Humane Society and the homeless animals entrusted to their care both on Boca Grande, Englewood and the surrounding areas.

For the second year, we are offering our guests a sit down gourmet dinner including beverages, and our exciting live & silent auctions. Some of the upscale items that will be up for bid include: a “Swayze & Sangria” Painting Class with Carroll Swayze; a Cooper’s Hawk Winery Tasting with two night stay in Naples and dinner at Chop239; a one-week stay in Bath, England; a wine cooler filled with wine; plus, many art and entertainment/dining packages from your local favorites.

Fun additions to this year’s live auction will be a Boca Grande Fireman’s Cookout for 30 at the Boca Grande Fire Station. The winner bidder and 29 friends will enjoy a full BBQ dinner, with all the fixings, prepared and served by members of the Boca Grande Fire Department. There will also be a Bennelli Classica Electric Bike, perfect for when you get a little tired and want to take a leisurely ride home! Last but not least, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on two Seadoo Jet Skis, complete with trailer. This is not a live auction you will want to miss!
Last year’s festivities raised over $60,000, benefiting the services, programs and homeless animals of Suncoast Humane Society. Tickets are $125 and can be purchased at the Society, the Boca Grande Club and the Boca Bay Pass Club. Online purchases can also be made online at www.humane.org.

The Tennis Ball serves to kick off the Boca Grande Club’s six week Professional Tennis Exhibition tournament. It will be held every Wednesday from February 1st through March 8th at the Club. There will be men’s, women’s and mixed doubles, featuring top professional and collegiate players.

**Suncoast Humane Society has been serving animals and people since 1971.** Founded as Englewood Animal Aid Society, the organization’s services and programs were soon challenged to meet the demands placed on them by the pet over-population crises. Expansions to their facility in Englewood during the 1980s and 1990s helped the Society to more effectively provide for a growing service area. To reflect the changes, the organization became Suncoast Humane Society. **Today their service area includes Charlotte County, most of Sarasota County, and the Boca Grande portion of Lee County, a total of over 450 square miles.**

Visit their adoptable pets and learn more about Suncoast Humane Society online at www.humane.org, in person at 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224 or at one of our many community events!

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Members of the Boca Grande Fire Department will be cooking up BBQ for the lucky winner of the “Playing with Fire” – BBQ dinner for 30 that will be auctioned off that the 2017 Tennis Ball, presented by the Boca Grande Club to benefit Suncoast Humane Society.

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Bid on this Italian favorite, the Bennelli Classica Electric Bike. This bike features a classic design with a modern twist! The lightweight and sturdy aluminum frame optimizes weight distribution, providing...
excellent balance and handling, while low step-thru design makes mounting and riding easy for anyone.

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