FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“PEACE RIVER K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE” AND “FLORIDA DISC DOG AND DISC CLUB” HEADLINE PET APPRECIATION DAY CELEBRATION

Pet Appreciation Celebration and Walk to Benefit Homeless Animals, to benefit the animals and programs of Suncoast Humane Society will be taking place in Ann Dever Memorial Park, Englewood on November 12th from 9am-1pm.

The festivities are open to the public and will include a performance from local blues musician Steve Arvey, demonstrations from Peace River K9 Search & Rescue as well as Central Florida Dog & Disc Club, featuring champion Frisbee dog trainer Gary Duke. Local artist Kat Sjogren will be creating a live painting and vendors from throughout the area will be promoting their wares, including treats from Triple B BBQ, Croz’s Surfshack and Sunny Days Ice Cream. There will even be a bounce house for the kids, pictures with Santa and prize drawings too!

Peace River K9 Search and Rescue Inc.’s mission is to assist local, state, military, federal and private agencies in the recovery of lost, missing and abducted persons in urban, wilderness, natural and man-made disasters while proactively educating response agencies and the community on Search & Rescue. Through hard training and acquired expertise Peace River K9 Search & Rescue strives to be a leader and preferred service provider to Law Enforcement and Emergency Management.

Central Florida Dog and Disc Club was created back in 1995 to provide a safe and fair competition environment for disc dog enthusiasts all over the state of Florida. We are...
one of the oldest clubs in the USA still in existence and we host major qualifiers for nearly every disc dog organization around. We have also performed at many dog rescue events, pet festivals, high school and college football halftime shows, and even provided entertainment for professional sports teams like the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tampa Bay Rays, Tampa Bay Storm, Orlando Predators, and Daytona Thunderbirds. Gary Duke and several teams will be representing the club at Pet Appreciation Day & Walk to Benefit Homeless Animals.

**Gary Duke’s Career Highlights**

2016 Skyhoundz Xtreme Distance Champion in Men's MicroDog, Men's Light Plastic, and Men's Classic Plastic and current world record holder in each division

2016 Quadruped National Champion and US Record Holder at 116 yards

2015 UFO World Cup D-Tour Champion

2015 Skyhoundz Xtreme Distance Champion in Men’s Classic Plastic

2014 UFO World Cup D-Tour Champion

2014 Skyhoundz Xtreme Distance Champion in Men's Classic Plastic

2011 Quadruped National Champion and first team to ever complete a throw and catch over 100 yards

2010 UFO World Cup Freestyle All Star Champion

2009 Purina Incredible Dog Challenge Freestyle Flying Disc National Champion

2008 Florida State Frisbee Dog Champion

2006 ESPN Great Outdoor Games Hot Zone Champion

**SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY**

8:00 am  Registration Opens

9:00 am  Welcome/Walk Begins

10:00 am  Pet Appreciation Day Celebration Begins

10:15 am  Steve Arvey Performs

10:45 am  Awards Ceremony

11:00 am  Central Florida Dog and Disc Club Frisbee Demonstration

11:40 am  Peace River K9 Search & Rescue Demonstration

12:00 pm  Prize Drawings Close

12:15 pm  Central Florida Dog and Disc Club Frisbee Demonstration

1:00 pm  Closing Remarks

**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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Photo submitted by Central Florida Dog and Disc Club

A team from the Central Florida Dog and Disc Club in action
PET APPRECIATION DAY
WALK TO BENEFIT HOMELESS ANIMALS

SUNCOAST HUMANE SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 12, 2016
9:00 am – 1:00 PM
Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park
6791 San Casa Dr. • Englewood, FL

Join us in a celebration of our pets as we gather supporters from throughout Sarasota, Charlotte and Lee Counties.

FUNDRAISE | WALK | CELEBRATE
All to benefit the homeless animals and communities we serve!

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.HUMANE.ORG

Food & Drink • Vendor Village
Live Entertainment
Dog Demonstrations
Holiday Photos with Santa
Prize Drawings • and More!

*Friendly pets welcome, but not required to participate!

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