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Calling All Party Animals! **Orland Township's Pet-Palooza is Sept. 14**

(Orland Township, IL -- Aug. 30, 2019) - Do you love taking your dog everywhere? Are you thinking about adding a furry companion to your family? Do you have the cutest or most talented pup around and like to show them off? Then Orland Township has an event for you -- join Supervisor Paul O'Grady at Pet-Palooza!

The 8th Annual Orland Township Pet-Palooza is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 from noon to 3 p.m. on the Orland Township grounds, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park. This is a rain or shine event.

Residents and their pets are invited to a family friendly, fun-filled afternoon of activities, events and information all centered around their pets.

Pet-Palooza will feature more than 60 local vendors, ranging from pet boutiques and animal hospitals to rescue organizations with adoptable pets on-site, and local restaurants offering free samples of their cuisine.

The nearly block-long Kids Zone will include several inflatable bounce houses, train rides, games and prizes. And while at Pet-Palooza, kids will have the opportunity to meet some of their favorite characters including Spiderman, Woody and Jessie (Toy Story), Simba and Rafiki (The Lion King), Chase and Skye (Paw Patrol), and princesses Jasmine and Ariel.

The popular pet contests will return where attendees will have a chance to show off their pet's talents and win prizes. Special guest NBC Chicago Meteorologist Andy Avalos will emcee the pet contests, which will include Best Dressed, Best Trick, Best Voice, Bobbing for Hot Dogs, Fast Finish (quickest to eat peanut butter off a stick) and Quick Sit (doggie version of musical chairs). Those interested in participating in a contest will be able to sign up at the main tent after entering Pet-Palooza.

Think you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Ask questions and get tips from an American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Evaluator and professional trainer at Fido's Fun Zone. Games and activities will be set up for owners to engage their dogs and test their skills.

Guests should enter Pet-Palooza at the drive way just north of the Township building. Admission to Pet-Palooza is free, however a donation of a 5-pound bag of pet food or a cash donation to the Orland Township Pet Pantry is strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated.

“I invite residents to join us at Pet-Palooza and check out all that is available for their pets in the area,” said Supervisor O’Grady. “I think many will be very pleasantly surprised at how many pet friendly businesses we actually have in our area.”

Owners are reminded that well-behaved pets are welcome to attend. All pets must have up-to-date vaccinations, wear proper tags and be on a leash no longer than six feet. Rest areas for pets that are shaded and have water bowls and small pools will be set up on-site. Doggie-doo-doo bags will also be available throughout Pet-Palooza for owners to clean up any ‘accidents’ that occur.

All proceeds from Pet-Palooza will benefit the Orland Township Pet Pantry, “Crashy’s Closet,” which was founded by Supervisor O’Grady and his wife, and named for a beloved O’Grady family rescue cat. For more information on Pet-Palooza, visit the Township website orlandtownship.org or call (708) 403-4222.

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