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Greenhill's 30th Annual Bark in the Park Returns

The run/walk fundraiser and festival to help thousands of local, homeless pets returns to Alton Baker Park on May 21



EUGENE, OREGON – (April 3, 2023) – Alton Baker Park goes to the dogs when <u>Greenhill Humane Society's</u> 30th Annual <u>Bark in the Park</u> returns on Sunday, May 21st. The dog friendly event is one of Greenhill's biggest fundraisers. The shelter hopes to raise \$100,000 to help care for over 3,400 animals in 2023.

"Bark in the Park is a large party for pups and their people! We are very excited to bring our animal-loving community together again for this fun event," said Sarah Bouzad, Greenhill's Community Engagement & Events Manager. "This event celebrates the human-animal bond and raises funds that go to providing care and resources for animals and their people."

Last year, the 10K, 5K, 2K run/walk and pet festival drew over 1,000 dogs and their humans. Festivities include the run, the walk, canine activities, vendor booths, food trucks, demonstrations, contests and more. Bark in the Park is the largest pet event in the Southern Willamette Valley and one of the largest run/walks in Eugene. Runners can participate as an individual (with or without a dog) or join a team.

This year, Greenhill hopes to raise \$100,000 for the animals and is relying on the community for help. The shelter relies on donations and grants for much of its funding, which is used for a variety of services and resources for the animals and the community. In addition to caring for over 3,400 homeless, lost and neglected pets, Greenhill programs include adoption services, humane education, a Community Pet Pantry, domestic violence assistance, senior assistance, pet retention assistance, spay/neuter programs, disaster response, volunteer opportunities and foster care opportunities.

Event details:

Register and learn more about Bark in the Park at www.Green-hill.org/bark.

When: Sunday, May 21, 2023, activities begin at 7 a.m. running until noon.

Where: Alton Baker Park

- **Pre-registration** until Saturday, May 20 for Bark in the Park is \$35 and includes a doggie bandana or \$50 with a doggie bandana and a t-shirt for humans. Children 12 and under are free to register and may purchase a t-shirt.
- **Day-of Registration** is \$40 with a doggie bandana or \$55 with a doggie bandana and a t-shirt (while supplies last).
- Fundraising Registration (raising money but not participating in the event) is free.

To learn more about Greenhill Humane Society and Bark in the Park, visit www.green-hill.org.

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About Greenhill Humane Society

Greenhill Humane Society has been caring for animals in Lane County since 1944. It is a private, non-profit organization that relies on charitable donations. Greenhill is located at 88530 Green Hill Road in Eugene. We envision a world in which all animals are treated with compassion and respect. In 2022, Greenhill sheltered and cared for 3,691 animals. Greenhill dogs, cats, and rabbits are spayed or neutered prior to adoption, receive recommended vaccinations, and are microchipped. To learn more visit www.green-hill.org and follow on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok.