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Greenhill's 30th Annual Bark in the Park, May 21st

There is still time to participate in the run/walk fundraiser and festival to help thousands of local, homeless pets



EUGENE, OREGON – **(May 15, 2023)** – <u>Greenhill Humane Society</u>'s longest running and one of its largest fundraisers, <u>Bark in the Park</u>, returns on Sunday, May 21 at Alton Baker Park. Over a thousand people and their dogs will come together for the biggest party celebrating pups! Onsite registration begins at 7:00 a.m. on May 21, with the 10K, 5K starting at 8:30 a.m., and the 2K beginning at 9:45 am, followed by demonstrations, contests, vendor giveaways and more. Participants can register <u>here</u>, <u>www.greenhill.org/bark</u>.

"Fundraisers like Bark in the Park are an opportunity to have fun with our dogs, enjoy time with other animal lovers, and raise much-needed funds to care for vulnerable animals, said Sarah Bouzad, Greenhill's Community Engagement & Events Manager. "There is still time to sign up and help us reach our fundraising goal." The event, which celebrates the human-animal bond, is one of Greenhill's largest fundraisers of the year with a goal of raising \$100,000 to help care for over 3,400 animals in 2023. So far, over \$51,000 has been raised.

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 <u>adoption services</u>, <u>humane education</u>, a <u>Community Pet</u> <u>Pantry</u>, <u>domestic violence assistance</u>, <u>senior assistance</u>, <u>pet retention assistance</u>, <u>spay/neuter programs</u>, <u>disaster response</u>, <u>volunteer opportunities</u> and <u>foster care opportunities</u>.

Event details:

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

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 <u>www.green-hill.org</u>.

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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, nonprofit 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.