

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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K 9 Trace & Pace Fundraiser

Waukegan, IL (September 13, 2013) ... The Waukegan Park District and Beach Park Animal Hospital are collaborating to benefit Rescue Pets and the Callahan-Franklin Dog Exercise Area with the 4th Annual K9 Trace & Pace fundraiser on September 21, from noon to 3pm at Bevier Park. Dogs and their owners can sample the challenge and fun of dog agility equipment and take the test for Canine Good Citizenship. The event includes a leisurely walk around Bevier Pond, various pet related vendors, opportunity for drawings, nail trims and a gift bag for all registered participants. For any dog and owner wishing to participate in a fun, friendly dog competition based on characteristics (longest tail, curliest tail, shortest legs, longest ears, best talent, best dog and owner look-a-likes and costumes) judging is at 1:00pm, followed by a parade. Parade step-off is approximately 1:30pm. Dog contestants and parade-goers must register by 12:45pm. All participants receive ribbons.

The K-9 Trace and Pace entrance fee is \$14 per dog. Beach Park Animal Hospital Veterinarians will insert microchips on site for an additional discounted fee of \$23. All proceeds from entrance and vendor fees, Canine Good Citizen Test (\$10 fee), drawings (\$1 tickets), and Smooch the Pooch (\$1 per picture) support Rescue Pets and upgrades to the Callahan-Franklin Dog Exercise Area. Special K9 Trace and Pace t-shirts are available for purchase at a price of \$15 each.

Funds raised by sponsorships, donations, and special events such as K 9 Trace and Pace supported the new Justin and Alicia Mentell Dog Agility Playground, that opened on September 6, 2013, at the Callahan Franklin Park and Dog Exercise Area on Western Avenue.

Sponsorship opportunities for K 9 Trace and Pace are available with nominal increments ranging from the Chihuahua level of under \$50 to the Mastiff level of \$2,500 (Title Sponsorship). For information regarding vendor applications, sponsorship opportunities, volunteer duties, or registering for the K9 Trace & Pace, please call 847.360.4700.



2012 K9 Trace & Pace

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an

outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages from infants to seniors and special populations are included. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 57 full-time staff and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013.