



Neponset Valley Humane Society

Walk for Animals
P.O. Box 544
Norwood, MA 02062

Set the pace to help end pet overpopulation



**Sunday, May 18, 2003
Borderland State Park
Sharon, Massachusetts**



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420,000

The number of cats one female cat and her offspring can theoretically produce in seven years.*

67,000

The number of dogs one female dog and her offspring can theoretically produce in six years.*

3-4 million

The number of cats and dogs euthanized in shelters each year.*

8,000

The number of feral cats NVHS has spayed/neutered and taken care of over the past nine years.

*HSUS estimates, 2003

What?

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary, the Walk/Run for Animals is a three-mile Cross Country Fun Run and Walk featuring refreshments, entertainment, contests, prizes and a chance to meet other animal enthusiasts who care about our four-legged friends.

Why?

The purpose of the Walk/Run is to call attention to the problem of pet over-population. Each year, millions of cats and dogs suffer and die from starvation, illness, abuse, neglect or are euthanized in shelters. The answer lies in spaying and neutering to prevent the birth of unwanted animals. **Your contribution will be used to provide low cost spay/neuter assistance and to provide care to animals in need.**

Where?

Borderland State Park in Sharon, on the Easton town line. A new state law imposes a \$2.00 parking fee at all state parks, so please come prepared.

When? *Sunday, May 18: Rain or Shine*

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Register/check-in for Cross Country Fun Run**
 9:00 a.m. **Run**
 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Register for Walk**
 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Walk at your leisure**
 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Festivities**
 10:30 a.m. **Announcement of Run Winners and Cat Photo Contest Winners**
 1:00 p.m. **Dog Contest**
 2:00 p.m. **Anniversary Celebration with Cake**

How? *Start collecting pledges today!*

Walk Registration: Bring your completed Walk registration form along with your sponsorship donations and register in person at the event. Contributions made with MasterCard and Visa will be accepted at the Walk/Run. You may also pre-register online no later than May 9th at www.nvhumanesociety.org.

Walk/Run Information

The scenic three-mile Cross Country Fun Run and Walk will take you down a well-marked dirt road through beautiful wooded areas, fields, and by peaceful waterways. Water stations will be set up along the route.

Your canine friends are welcome. The park regulations require that they be leashed and under control at all times. You'll need to clean up after your pal (clean-up bags will be provided). All animals must have current vaccinations, including rabies vaccine. Do not bring female animals in season. Your feline friends and puppies under six months of age may be better left at home.

Be sure to join us for the 10th Anniversary celebration and festivities including music, demonstrations, contests, refreshments and much more.

Walk Incentives

Donation	Your gift
\$35 – \$100	One Official <i>Walk for Animals</i> T-Shirt
\$101 – \$299	One Official <i>Walk for Animals</i> Sweatshirt
\$300 or more	One Official <i>Walk for Animals</i> Sweatshirt and Cap
Top Fundraiser	Two tickets to a mutually-agreed upon event at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset

All money must be turned in by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the Walk, May 18, 2003 to be eligible for gifts.

2003 NVHS Walk/Run for Animals Walker's Sponsorship Form

Walker's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

If you are unable to join us, please consider sponsoring the NVHS Walk/Run Team. All donations to NVHS are tax-deductible. Please make all checks payable to: NVHS, Inc. On behalf of the animals, thank you!

Sponsor's Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Please send me information about volunteering: Yes No Donation received (*Donations due prior to Walk*) \$ _____

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Walkers's own donation (*\$25 minimum if walking without sponsors.*) \$ _____

I hereby agree to participate in the Walk/Run for Animals. I acknowledge that I am physically able to undertake the Walk/Run and waive any claims that may arise out of the Walk/Run which the Walker/Runner may assert against any parties connected with the Walk/Run. If I am under 18 years of age, the signature of a parent or guardian appears below. In addition, the Walker/Runner agrees that NVHS may use any photographs, films, or videotapes for any purpose.

Walker's Signature _____ Date _____

Grand Total \$

For more sponsorship forms, call NVHS at **508-261-9924** or download forms online at **www.nvhumanesociety.org**



Contests

Cat Photo Contest Please mail your photo(s), plus a \$5 fee per entry to NVHS Cat Photo Contest, P.O. Box 544, Norwood, MA 02062. Photos will not be returned. Please include your name and address for mailing prizes. Deadline is May 9th.

- **Funniest Cat Photo**
- **Most Unusual Looking**
- **Best Disguise**

Dog Contest Contest will take place at the event. Prizes will be awarded on site.

- **Biggest Dog/Smallest Dog**
- **Owner and Pet Look-alike**
- **Best Singer**
- **Dog Tricks**
- **Best Disguise**

All winners will be announced at the Walk/Run and will have their photos published in the next NVHS Newsletter.

2003 NVHS Run Registration Form

To register for the Run for Animals, please fill out the information below, sign the waiver on the reverse side and mail this form with your \$25 registration fee to: Walk for Animals Fun Run, P.O. Box 544, Norwood, MA 02062. Registration deadline is May 9th. You may also register on site (subject to a \$10 late fee). All runners must check-in prior to the run. Remember, the Run starts at 9:00 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. All runners will receive a **Run T-shirt** with registration. **Goodies generously donated by Reebok** will be distributed at registration.

Runner's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Circle T-shirt size: (adult sizes) S M L XL

Note: Canine partners may participate. However, runners accompanied by pets must start at the end of the group.

Who we are

The Neponset Valley Humane Society, Inc. is an all-volunteer nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to helping animals.

Our mission is:

- To create awareness and support within the community for the humane treatment of all animals.
- To end the problem of animal overpopulation within the community by promoting spaying and neutering.
- To provide care and shelter for homeless and needy animals through our placement, foster care and adoption programs.

Directions to the Walk/Run

Borderland State Park

Massapoag Ave., Sharon-Easton town line



Follow the posted paw prints

From the North: Take Route 128 to Route 95 South, exit 10 Coney St., Sharon. Take a left turn at the end of the exit ramp. Continue 2.3 miles on this road (becomes Route 27 South) to Sharon Center. Proceed straight through the lights and take your first right onto Pond St. Continue straight on this road for 4.3 miles past Lake Massapoag (Pond St. becomes Massapoag Ave.). The park entrance is on your left as marked.

From the South: Take Route 95 North to exit 8, South Main St., Sharon. Take a right turn at the end of the exit ramp. Continue 2.1 miles to the lights at the intersection of East Foxboro St. Take a right onto East Foxboro St. then an immediate left onto Gunhouse St. Follow Gunhouse St. to the end, take a left onto Beach St. Follow Beach St. to the end, take a right onto Pond St. (becomes Massapoag Ave.), continue straight on this road for 3.5 miles to the park entrance on the left.

From Route 24: Take exit 16B – Mansfield Route 106 W. Go approximately 4.5 miles (past three traffic lights) to Poquanticut Ave. Take a right onto Poquanticut. Watch for brown park signs for 1.3 twisty miles to the intersection with Massapoag Ave. Turn left on Massapoag Ave. Continue for 1.9 miles to park entrance on the right.



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