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Paws in the Park Event Welcomes Dogs, Cats... and People, Too!

Fetch! Pet Care celebrates dogs (and cats) with games, treats, and fun for all in a spirit of community action to support local pet adoption and shelter organizations

Alexandria, VA – October 24, 2017 - Dogs (and cats) will have the run of the park at Paws in the Park this Saturday, October 28th, from 1-3PM in Montgomery Park. The Paws event, sponsored by Fetch, a pet care service, is part of Dogtoberfest, a month long celebration of all things dog (and cat). Dogtoberfest events also give back to local organizations that aid in pet adoption and sheltering for homeless dogs and cats. The Paws event has an admission of \$10.00 per 1 adult and 1 dog (kids under 12 are free), with proceeds benefitting the Lost Dog Foundation and King Street Cats, an adoption facility for cats.

Dog-centered activities featured at Paws in the Park will include:

- "Paw" reading beginning at 1:15
- K9 Demo at 1:30 with the Alexandria Police Department
- "Musical sit" with chairs and dogs at 2:00
- "Costume parade" for kids and dogs
- "Frisbee dash" in Montgomery Park's dog run

Treats for pet owners will also be available. Yummy favorites from the Old Town North Farmer's Market will be on hand including Dream of Goodies, Pretentious Gourmet, and Ana's Twist Empanadas.

Dog owners and community residents will have the opportunity to meet and greet with OTNCP board folks, Christian Cunnane, the owner of Fetch!, charity representatives, other event sponsors; and, get to know other dog owners and their dogs.

The Paws in the Park raffle will include gift certificates from River's Edge Yoga, Pet Stay and VaCay, a two-hour design consultation form Tamburro Interiors, and more; raffle tickets will be sold at one ticket for \$2, or three tickets for \$5. Everyone who buys a ticket to the Paws event will receive a Trader Joe's bag with a free raffle ticket inside.

Tickets for Paws in the Park can be purchased <u>online</u>, at the event, and at the Old Town North Farmers's Market this Thursday, October, 26. The rain date for the event is Sunday, October 29th.

"Paws in the Park is organized fun for our dogs and cats. It brings our community together and provides an opportunity to support local friends who are dedicated to protecting animals in need and providing them a home," said Margaret Townsend, President of the Old Town North Community Partnership.

In addition to Fetch! Pet Care, other Paws event sponsors include the Old Town North Community Partnership, NOTICe, MRE Properties, River's Edge Yoga, Pet Stay VaCay, Eisenhower Partnership, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, and the City of Alexandria Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs.

For more information about Paws in the Park and Fetch! Pet Care, visit https://oldtownnorth.org/dogtoberfest/.