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**Fun for Frolicsome Pooches and People**  
**SPCA of Texas**  
**Strut Your Mutt 2010**



Lace up those sneakers, hook up that leash and get ready to roll out with your best tailwaggin' friend for the 5th Annual Strut Your Mutt 3K Walk/Fun Run to be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the SPCA of Texas Headquarters at 2400 Lone Star Drive in Dallas. The festivities are from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm with the walk beginning at 10:15 am. Online registration is available at [www.strutyourmutt.info](http://www.strutyourmutt.info) or [www.spcatexas.org/strutyourmutt](http://www.spcatexas.org/strutyourmutt). The entry fee ranges from \$30 for one Mutt Strutter to \$45 for a Mutt Strutter plus one child to \$60 for a Mutt Strutter plus two children. Canine companions are welcome, but are not necessary to be able to attend.

Last year, almost 1,300 registered Mutt Strutters raised a record amount for animals at SPCA of Texas. The funds help us rescue and care for abused pets, provide low-cost clinic services, and find homes for the animals in our care. Because SPCA of Texas relies entirely on private donations, events like Strut Your Mutt are absolutely essential to making our community a better place for people and pets.

Register online today at [www.strutyourmutt.info](http://www.strutyourmutt.info). Sponsors include The Greensheet, VCA Animal Hospital Companies, Southwest.com and Mix 102.9. All proceeds benefit the SPCA of Texas.

In addition to the walk, we will have plenty of family-fun events for you to enjoy at the Bow-Wow Bazaar. The Bazaar includes vendor booths, activities for pets and kids, demonstrations, the SPCA of Texas' mobile adoptions unit and more!

Everyone who registers can also help the SPCA of Texas raise funds by participating in the individual and corporate fundraising challenges. Awards and prizes will be presented to the top individual and corporate fundraisers. For every \$100 all other participants raise, their name will be entered into a drawing to win amazing prizes. Special thanks to prize donors Southwest Airlines, Dallas Mavericks and many more. All proceeds benefit the SPCA of Texas.

Raising donations is easier than you might think, and top fundraisers will earn great prizes! Any registered participant may customize their own fundraising web pages and send e-mails to friends and family.

There are a variety of things all of team members or individual fundraisers can do to reach their goal. Below are some ideas to help people raise even more money for the animals.

1. Visit their local grocery store (Kroger's, Albertson's, Tom Thumb, etc) and ask if they can set up a table inside or outside the store and collect pledges. Every cent raised will be counted towards their total goal.
2. Plan a party (Birthday, Anniversary, Baby Showers, Bridal Showers, Award Shows, etc.) and ask all of their guests to donate to the SPCA of Texas instead of bringing you presents.
3. Arrange mini-events (garage sales, auctions, bake sales, car washes, etc.) to gather a group of people and raise money.
4. Ask all of their family, friends and co-workers to bring a sack lunch one day each week and transfer the saved money towards your pledge collections.

The above are ways that you can help the SPCA of Texas raise more money for the animals we serve on a regular basis.

Early Packet Pick-Up will be offered before Strut Your Mutt this year, so be sure to come out early to pick up your packet and avoid long lines the morning of the event.

On Saturday, March 13, you can stop by either the Dealey Animal Care Center at 362 S. Riverfront Blvd. (S. Industrial Blvd.) in Dallas or at the Perry Animal Care Center at 8411 Stacy Rd. in McKinney from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Packets will also be available at the SPCA of Texas Headquarters at 2424 Lone Star Drive in Dallas from Monday, March 15 through Thursday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please bring a photo ID and/or the e-mail confirmation you received if you registered for the race online. All team captains are strongly encouraged to pick up their team members' race packets early. Please note that team captains are

responsible for distributing the packets to their team members. The packet will include a t-shirt, a bandana and a wristband.

So, whether you are a walker, a runner or just want to hang out at the finish line, we hope that you will join the rest of the DFW community in celebrating our common compassion for animals.

**About The SPCA of Texas**

Our Mission . . . The SPCA of Texas is dedicated to providing every animal exceptional care and a loving home.

The SPCA of Texas is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), full-service animal welfare agency founded in 1938. As the leading animal welfare agency in North Texas with two shelters, two spay/neuter clinics and two additional adoption centers located in Dallas and in Collin County, the SPCA of Texas serves as an active resource center, providing an array of programs and services that bring people and animals together to enrich each others' lives.

As a private organization, the SPCA of Texas is not affiliated with any other entity and does not receive general operating funds from the city, state or federal government, or other national humane organizations.

The relationship between people and animals is unique and special. The SPCA of Texas believes that humans have a moral and legal responsibility to care for and protect animals and strives to protect animals from cruelty, abuse, abandonment, neglect, suffering, starvation and disease by encouraging the humane treatment of animals.

*We create a better world for animals and people.*

**Other SPCA of Texas information:**

**Adopt**

Adoptions at the SPCA of Texas' two Animal Care Centers and Offsite Adoption centers include a spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a microchip, de-worming and a fourteen day health guarantee. To see all adoptable pets, visit [www.spcatexas.org/findapet](http://www.spcatexas.org/findapet). To learn more about how pets come in to the SPCA of Texas, visit [www.spcatexas.org/r](http://www.spcatexas.org/r).

**Volunteer and Education**

The SPCA of Texas' volunteer department provides opportunities for adults 18 and over and children 12-17 (if accompanied by a parent or guardian) to help the organization in many ways. The SPCA of Texas' Education department reaches out to the public by providing information about the care and humane treatment of animals. Programs include: Critter Camp, Birthday Parties and PALS Reading Program.

**Donate**

To donate to the SPCA of Texas, please visit [www.spcatexas.org/donate](http://www.spcatexas.org/donate) or call 214.742.SPCA (7722).

**Veterinary Services**

The SPCA provides quality, low-cost out-patient spay/neuter and wellness care to pets belonging to people with low incomes at our two Metroplex clinics.

**Rescue & Investigations**

The SPCA's Rescue & Investigations department travels throughout Texas to investigate cruelty and neglect to pets and livestock and responds to natural or manmade disasters. To report suspected cruelty or abuse, visit [www.spcatexas.org/abuse](http://www.spcatexas.org/abuse).

**Programs and Services**

The SPCA of Texas offers programs like Pet Grief Support Group, Compassion Connection and DFW PetNet (Search for lost pets or post found pets by calling 214.742.SPCA (7722) or visiting [www.spcatexas.org/dfwpetnet](http://www.spcatexas.org/dfwpetnet)).

The SPCA of Texas is dedicated to providing every animal exceptional care and a loving home. A comprehensive animal welfare agency, the SPCA of Texas is not affiliated with any other entity and does not receive general operating funds from the City of Dallas, State of Texas, federal government or any other humane organization. Help stop pet overpopulation by donating to the SPCA of Texas and by spaying and/or neutering your pet. Visit the SPCA of Texas online at [www.spcatexas.org](http://www.spcatexas.org).