



Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit Mutt Strut 5K Run and Walk

DEARBORN. February 2, 2017—The Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) announces its 12th annual Mutt Strut on Saturday, May 13, 2017. This year the event has grown to include a 5K run, in addition to the traditional walk.

Elaine Greene, FAMD’s executive director, sees the event as an opportunity to achieve two goals in one: raising funds to shelter homeless animals while having fun with pets. “The Gateway Trail in Dearborn is a great spot to run with your dog,” she notes. “And we’re hoping to raise awareness and money so we can host more animals at the Dearborn Shelter, and of course find families for them.” The Mutt Strut welcomes families and individuals of all skill levels for the run and walk.

In addition to the race and walk, Ford Field in Dearborn will host food trucks, family-friendly entertainment, demonstrations and a shopping area for pet owners. The run kicks off for racers at 9 a.m. and registration begins at 8 a.m.

Participants can register individually or as a team and raise funds for the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, a nonprofit animal shelter in Dearborn. Discounted pre-registration is available until March 1 at \$25 and at \$35 until race day. All runners receive timing devices and complimentary items, including a Mutt Strut t-shirt.

The event’s presenting sponsor is Dearborn Family Pet Care. Dearborn Recreation and Parks is also a sponsor.

More information on the event can be found at www.muttstrut5k.org .

About FAMD

After 22 years of nurturing more than 47,300 animals, the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has embarked on the public phase of their “Building a Home with Heart” capital campaign to construct a new Animal Adoption & Education Center at the site of the former Dearborn Amtrak station on Michigan Avenue. Construction begins this summer. For more information about FAMD, visit metrodetroitanimals.org

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