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Paws and Feet 5K run/walk and Smile Mile Fun Walk registration is now OPEN! Join us for a Cosmic Canine Celebration and help to raise much needed funds for our community's homeless dogs and cats.

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Voorhees, NJ: – The Animal Welfare Association's (AWA), Annual Paws and Feet 5K Run/Walk and Doggie Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees, NJ. AWA counts on funds raised from the event, to provide shelter and medical care to over 2600 homeless dogs and cats AWA adopts out each year. Last year, animal lovers and members of the community helped raise over \$100,000 for homeless pets in need.

This year's event begins with A Very Groovy 5K Run/Walk at 9am, followed by a Smile Mile Fun Walk™. "Runners and walkers will go 'far out' to help AWA meet our fundraising goal this year," says Maria Clarke, AWA's Director of Events, Business and Community Relations. "Most participants form teams and collect pledges from friends and family while others hold garage sales and organize dress down days at work. Signing up is easy and fun. We invite everyone to participate this year and help us raise the funds necessary to help more people and pets in 2016. So grab your friends, family and co-workers and register as an individual or start a team. Go to: www.awanj.org/pf2016".

Petco Foundation, Gerald B. Shreiber Foundation and The Camden County Board of Freeholders are the Premier Sponsors for Paws and Feet 2016. For more information, please visit the event website and register online at: www.awanj.org/pf2016

About AWA

Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2015 over 23,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.