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Friends of the Shelter Halloween Event Benefits Homeless Dogs

COLUMBUS, OH – Friends of the Shelter (FOTS) will offer treats – but no tricks – to costumed canines at its Muttster Mash pet-friendly Halloween event from 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday, October 28, on the patio at Fitzgerald’s Sports Tavern (2640 Bethel Rd.).

Although costumes aren’t required, FOTS will award prizes to the funniest, cutest, most original and more. Entry to Fitzgerald’s patio is free, but there is a \$10 entry fee per pooch for the costume contest. Judging begins at 2:30 p.m.

“We’ve had such a great time at our happy hour events throughout the summer here that we wanted to extend the fun to a Halloween celebration and help some of Franklin County’s homeless dogs at the same time,” said FOTS board member Jennifer Iniguez.

Muttster Mashers can purchase seasonal favorites like roasted marshmallows, s’mores and spiced cider. All proceeds benefit the dogs of the Franklin County Dog Shelter.

For more information, visit www.friendsoftheshelter.info.

About the Franklin County Dog Shelter and Friends of the Shelter

The mission of the Franklin County Dog Shelter is to provide compassionate care for impounded animals and responsible enforcement of canine laws, thereby creating a safer and more desirable community for the citizens of Franklin County. The shelter is sustained strictly by adoption and redemption fees, and the generosity of animal-friendly individuals and businesses.

Friends of the Shelter is a 501c3 non-profit group established to coordinate the fundraising activities that directly benefit the dogs of the Franklin County Dog Shelter. Money raised by Friends of the Shelter is allocated to fund diagnostic services, medical/surgical care, behavioral services and training, dental, grooming, and enrichment activities that directly benefit the dogs of the Franklin County Dog Shelter. In addition, Friends of the Shelter funds an innovative low cost community outreach spay and neuter program, called *The Fix*. For more information on The Fix, call (614) 462-5581.

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