

Paws in the Park 2005

The ninth Annual Paws in the Park “Shake Rattle and Roll Over” was a crusin’ success! Approximately 700 people and pets attended the Helping Hands Humane Society’s annual fundraiser in Topeka’s Gage Park. Early estimates indicate \$50,000 was donated for shelter operations.



Friday night’s Pre-Registration Party had its biggest turnout to date. About 200 hundred people and their pets stopped by to pick up their Paws T-shirt and gift bag the night before the event.



The weather was sunny on Saturday and many turned out for the 8 a.m. Perkin’s Pancake Feed. The 40 vendor booths and tents were spread across the shady park and kept Paws attendees busy browsing until the one-mile pet walk began at 9 a.m.

The Brousse Family from New Orleans, along with their Jack Russell Terrier Scooter, were special guests at Paws. The family is staying in Topeka with relatives, until they can return to their home, ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Amy, a German Shepherd HHHS alum, and Paws 2005 Spokesdog, kicked off the Paws walk. Amy brought along her new family- the Akers!



At 10 a.m. the pet contests drew a crowd to the stage and delighted the audience.

West Ridge Animal Hospital won the annual “Paws for the Cause” contest. They sold paper paw prints for their lobby display bringing in the most donations for Helping Hands.



As Paws came to a close, more than 100 dogs lined up to participate in “Paws in the Pool 2.” Dogs frolicked from 1-3 p.m. in the cool fountains, lap and wading pools of Blaisdell Pool. Proceeds benefited Helping Hands and the Hill’s Bark Park.



Paws in the Park takes many months of planning. Our heartfelt THANKS go to the HHHS Staff, Board of Directors, Fundraising Committee, HHHS Volunteers, Hill’s Day of Caring and Corporate Volunteers, plus Paws Sponsors and Vendors for their donations, time and hard work.