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CALLING ALL PET OWNERS AND ANIMAL LOVERS

DeKalb County District Attorney Robert James Hosts 3rd Annual “Paws For The Cause” Event April 9th *Pet-Friendly Event Focuses on Awareness, Adoption*

[Decatur, GA] DeKalb County District Robert James, DeKalb County Solicitor-General Sherry Boston, and Representatives Stephanie Stuckey Benfield, Michele Henson and Mary Margaret Oliver will join a host of community partners for the 3rd Annual *Paws For The Cause* community awareness event on Saturday, April 9, at the DeKalb Square, located at 101 East Court Square in downtown Decatur. The event starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. *Paws For The Cause* is a collaborative effort in partnership with Animal Action Rescue, Village Vets, DeKalb County Animal Services & Enforcement, DeKalb County District Attorney’s Office, and DeKalb County Solicitor-General’s Office and more to combat crimes against animals by increasing awareness around issues of animal neglect and cruelty.

“Protecting animals from cruel and neglectful behavior is one of my top priorities,” said James. “These partnerships and this outreach event is essential to combating animal cruelty in our community and promoting animal adoption.”

“Animals are especially vulnerable to mistreatment because they can not care for or speak for themselves,” said Solicitor-General Sherry Boston. “Our educational outreach -- through events like Paws for the Cause -- is key to preventing neglect and cruelty because many pet owners aren’t aware of how important affection is to a pet or even that a puppy can outgrow her collar.”

Event participants will be entertained by live music, various food vendors, moonwalks, agility/frisbee performances and more. An on-site veterinarian will administer low cost immunizations and \$20 microchipping. Animal Action Rescue and DeKalb Animal Services, and Village Vets & Enforcement will have puppies and dogs available for adoption.

“As the former Solicitor-General and current District Attorney, I have seen a number of animal cruelty cases come through my respective offices. What I’ve seen is horrific and disturbing,” added James. “Paws For The Cause was developed to help us increase awareness about animal

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cruelty and encourage loving individuals and families to adopt animals who need a safe and welcoming home.”

Vendor booth rentals are \$25. Interested vendors should contact Clarissa Brown at cjbrown@dekalbcountyga.gov or 404-371-4961 for additional details.

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