



Dogs and Cats will be the Focus at Tabor Days “Pets on Parade”

The annual family festival takes place in Doylestown on May 30 and 31 with proceeds benefitting abused and neglected children.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., May 14, 2009 – Tabor Children’s Services is going to the dogs. And cats, that is. On Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, the child welfare agency will host their annual family festival, this year called Tabor Days Pets on Parade, on their grounds at Main Street and New Britain Road in Doylestown Township. Proceeds from Tabor Days support the organization’s work with abused and neglected children throughout southeastern Pennsylvania.

Tabor Days will take place on Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and offers a variety of activities for families and their four-legged companions. The festival will feature exotic animals from Jungle Joe of the Bucks County Zoo, a dog show and costume competition, a petting zoo, and adoption opportunities with local dog and cat rescue groups. Throughout the weekend Kruisin’ Kanines of Carversville will run dog agility demonstrations and dog trainer Susie Danzis will hold small group obedience sessions. Leashed pets are welcome.

Inflatables, children’s games, shopping, food, and a flowering plant sale will round out the activities at Tabor Days. Saturday evening will culminate with an “under the stars” screening of the popular film “Beverly Hills Chihuahua” on Tabor’s lawn at 8:30 p.m. Admission to the daylong event is \$5 per person and \$10 for families with a \$3 surcharge for those enjoying the inflatables.

Each day will also include a full schedule of live entertainment with the Mummers’ Uptown String Band performing at 1 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Highlights of Saturday’s schedule include Jungle Joe’s safari with exotic animals at 2 p.m., the Fitzpatrick Irish Dancers at 3 p.m., the Doylestown Heat Big Band at 4 p.m., magician David Morey at 5 p.m., oldies band Blast from the

Has your favorite stuffed animal seen better days?

Representatives from Cat Tales, a cat rescue organization based in Doylestown, will be on hand at Tabor Days Pets on Parade with a surgical “MASH” tent to lovingly repair worn or damaged stuffed animals. Volunteers from Cat Tales will use vintage Korean War medical props to patch tears, replace missing eyes, and fill stuffing. The tents will be complete with surgical tables, operating lights, and “surgeons” in scrubs. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will go to Tabor Children’s Services and Cat Tales.

Stick around after getting your stuffed animal repaired for a showing of “**Beverly Hills Chihuahua**” under the stars on Tabor’s lawn at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30.

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Past at 6 p.m., gospel and country singer Jenna Lee at 7 p.m., and folk singers Pour Rabbits at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, Jungle Joe will host the Big Bug Show from the stage at noon and children’s artist David Perry will perform at 1 p.m. and will be doing caricatures afterwards. The event will end with a costume competition and dog show featuring fun and creative categories that will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Tabor trustee, alumnus and author Orville Wright Jr. will also be on hand signing and selling the book, "Twas A Hard Knock Life: The Tabor Home Story."

“We’re really excited to have Pets on Parade as our theme this year and look forward to having a great weekend of fun activities for families and their pets,” comments William A. Hausmann, Tabor’s executive director. “We hope the community enjoys Tabor Days while also learning a little bit more about the services that we provide to needy children and families in our area.”

For more than 100 years, Tabor has strengthened families across southeastern Pennsylvania and is one of the largest child welfare agencies in the area. Every day, Tabor provides invaluable services to more than 500 children and families from their offices in Doylestown and Germantown, Philadelphia. Those services include foster care, adoption, in-home services, outpatient mental health, independent living for adolescents, and prevention services for at-risk school children. For more information, visit Tabor’s Web site www.tabor.org.

Note to Media: If you would like to speak with an alumnus of Tabor, Orville Wright Jr. is available for interviews. Wright came to Tabor Home in 1941 and remained there for 10 years. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, was a Navy helicopter test pilot, and later worked in the aerospace industry. He now lives with his wife in Owego, New York. A trustee on the Tabor board, Wright also volunteers as a life skills trainer for the agency’s Bucks County adolescent initiative program. Most importantly, he edited the book of memories, “Twas A Hard Knock Life: The Tabor Home Story,” that was published in celebration of Tabor’s 100 years of service to children and families in 2007.

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