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BASEBALL STARS TO THE RESCUE

Join host Tony La Russa, Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and a Roster of Celebrity Athletes

WALNUT CREEK, California – December 1, 2005 – Sports superstars will converge on Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) on Saturday, December 10, 2005 for Baseball Stars to the Rescue – a fun-filled day of autograph signing and sports memorabilia auctions. Baseball Stars to the Rescue will be presented at ARF's shelter located at 2890 Mitchell Drive in Walnut Creek at the corner of Oak Grove Road. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Entry into this spectacular fundraiser is only \$10 and children 12 years and younger are free with a paid adult! Get in line early - as an exclusive offer, the first 100 paid entrants will receive a **FREE** Ryan Drese autograph!

Pitching star Mark Mulder and outfielder John Gall from the St. Louis Cardinals; pitching favorite Danny Haren and fan favorite infielder Mark Ellis from the Oakland A's; former Oakland A's, now Baltimore Orioles outfielder, Eric Byrnes; Cleveland Indians pitching ace, C.C. Sabathia; and right-handed pitcher from the Washington Nationals, Ryan Drese are already scheduled to sign autographs at this exciting day of talkin' baseball.

The silent auction will be highlighted by new and game-used sports memorabilia including new and game-used items from Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen, Larry Walker, Chris Carpenter, Jason Iringhausen, Jim Edmonds, Reggie Sanders, Barry Zito, Rich Harden, Huston Street, Eric Chavez, Nick Swisher, Willie McCovey, Al Kaline, Bob Gibson, Mike Sweeney, Will Clark, Bo Jackson, Ted Hendricks, Howie Long, Jan Stenerud, Jim Plunkett, Kellen Winslow, Larry Little, Brent Jones, Bill Walsh and many others. Additionally, many exciting one-of-a-kind game-used items from the 2004 World Series and the 2005 Playoffs will also be available! All auction items are open for proxy bidding and may viewed on ARF's website at www.arf.net.

Tony La Russa will also be conducting instructional clinics and signing copies of his bestseller, "3 Nights in August" throughout the course of the day. To schedule an interview with Tony La Russa, please contact Elena Bicker at 925-296-3116 or ebicker@arf.net. For updates, signing times and additional show information, please call 925-977-7900, extension 459.

Funds raised from this fantastic event will be used by ARF to save the lives of loving dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters. ARF gives another chance at life to dogs and cats who otherwise would be killed. ARF provides the care and attention they need, including spay or neuter surgery, until ARF finds them a new home of their own.

ARF's People Connect programs strengthen the human animal bond for the elderly; residents of assisted living centers, teens at juvenile hall, high school students, grade school students and young children through programs that are national models of excellence. ARF programs allow people to experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats. People rescuing animals...animals rescuing people...™.

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