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**STARS SHINE ON TONY LA RUSSA'S ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION**

*Plenty of Entertainment at ARF's Annual Fundraiser*

WALNUT CREEK, California – November 5, 2008 – Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) will be "puttin' on the dog" for ARF's Stars to the Rescue XVIII gala. Please join host Tony La Russa, manager of the 2006 World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals, on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Leshar Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek for ARF's 18<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser.

Title Sponsor Purina ONE presents Stars to the Rescue XVIII. Stars will showcase Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock of 1970's Air Supply fame, Tony Orlando, Billy Bob Thornton, and The Boxmasters.

Tickets are on sale now and expected to sell out quickly! Tickets are priced at \$300, \$100 and \$50 and are available today for purchase by calling 925-943-SHOW.

ARF saves the lives of loving dogs and cats that have run out of time at public shelters and gives another chance at life to dogs and cats that 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...<sup>®</sup>

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