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STARS BRIGHTEN THE NIGHT FOR TONY LA RUSSA'S ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION

Prodigies for Pets and Stars to the Rescue Fundraisers Shine with Entertainment

WALNUT CREEK, California – November 30, 2009 – Light up the night with Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) at two spectacular benefit evenings this January. Join host Tony La Russa at Leshher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek at *Prodigies for Pets*, Friday, January 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., and *Stars to the Rescue XIX*, Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Talented young artists and finalists from ARF's youth talent search perform alongside the Doobie Brothers' Marc Russo at *Prodigies for Pets*, donating their performances to support ARF's lifesaving programs. Individual tickets are \$25, and will be available December 1, 2009. Call 925.943.SHOW to purchase.

Title Sponsor Purina ONE presents *Stars to the Rescue XIX*. Stars will feature Jon Anderson of Yes, rising country singer David Nail, *The Phantom of the Opera's* Tim Martin Gleason, and stand-up comic Chas Elstner, among others. Tickets for this annual gala go on sale Tuesday, December 1, 2009 and are expected to sell out quickly! Tickets are priced at \$250, \$100 and \$50, and can be purchased by calling 925-943-SHOW.

Sponsorship opportunities for these events are available. For information, please contact Development Director Bobbe Bartlett at 925.296.3149.

ARF saves the lives of loving dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters, giving another chance at life to animals who otherwise would have been killed. ARF provides the care and attention they need, including spay or neuter surgery, until a new home of their own can be found.

ARF's People Connect programs strengthen the human animal bond for the elderly, residents of assisted living centers, 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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