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**“EVERY DOG HAS HIS DATE...AND NIGHT!” AT THE 10th ANNUAL
BARK & WHINE BALL**

**CLAW and the SF/SPCA Host The Bark & Whine Ball
7:00 – 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005**

SAN FRANCISCO, January XX, 2005 – Critter Lovers at Work (CLAW), the volunteer fundraising arm of The San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SF/SPCA), invites dogs to escort their human dates to the 10th Annual Bark & Whine Ball. The evening, themed “Every Dog Has His Date,” hosts dogs and their two-legged companions for an evening of dining and dancing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the San Francisco Gift Center on Thursday, March 3, 2005. The Bark & Whine Ball is *the* pooch event of the season. Proceeds benefit The SF/SPCA’s Cinderella Fund, which provides special treatment and medical care for ill or injured cats and dogs. Once restored to health, these pets are ready to be placed in the loving homes they deserve.

“The Bark & Whine Ball is our opportunity to bring a fairytale to life,” said Michèle Stamatopoulos, president of CLAW. “The Ball is worthy of the most charming princes, princesses and pets. Most importantly, the money raised through this evening provides happy endings to many of San Francisco’s homeless, orphaned, abused and otherwise needy animals.”

Chaired by Michèle Stamatopoulos, AJ Folk and Joanna Hirsch, “Every Dog Has His Date,” features a cocktail buffet catered by McCall and Associates, dancing to the paw-tapping rhythms of the Dick Bright Orchestra and a silent auction of one-of-a-kind items. Valet parking ensures an elegant arrival for formal and furry fête attendees alike.

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Bark & Whine Ball tickets for dogs are \$20. For humans, general admission tickets for those 30 and older are \$125, with patron levels ranging from \$450 to \$2,500. General admission for young donors, age 29 and under, is \$75, with access to patron benefits starting at \$250. For information or to purchase tickets for the Bark & Whine Ball, interested parties should call 415-522-3535 or visit www.barkandwhine.org.

Among the patron benefits for higher-level donors, Bonhams & Butterfields hosts a special preview cocktail reception on January 20, 2005, starting at 6:00 p.m. Guests receive an exclusive opportunity to preview the 120 paintings featured in “Dogs in Art,” which will be auctioned publicly at Bonhams & Butterfields on January 25, 2005.

The Bark & Whine Ball is one of several special events produced by CLAW to generate support for and raise public awareness of The SF/SPCA. The all-volunteer group began with the inaugural Holiday Windows at Gump’s in 1987. CLAW continues the tradition of planning and producing annual events, such as the Hats Off Luncheon & Fashion Show and The Bark & Whine Ball.

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About The SF/SPCA

The San Francisco SPCA is a nonprofit animal welfare organization dedicated to saving homeless dogs and cats, to providing lifesaving care and treatment to dogs and cats in need, to helping pets stay in loving homes and to cultivating respect and awareness for the rights and needs of animals. Founded in 1868, The SF/SPCA is a national leader in saving lives and raising the status of companion animals. For more information, visit www.sfspca.org or call (415) 554-3000.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

**BARK & WHINE BALL PREVIEW
Special Cocktail Reception and Exclusive Preview at
Bonhams & Butterfields Honor Bark & Whine Patrons**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 20, 2005

WHAT: **Bonhams & Butterfields** hosts an exclusive preview of “Dogs in Art” for patron-level supporters of the 10th Annual Bark & Whine Ball. Critter Lovers at Work (CLAW), The Bark & Whine Ball committee and the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals invite dogs and their dates to a special cocktail reception. Proceeds benefit The SF/SPCA’s Cinderella Fund which provides special treatment and medical care for ill or injured cats and dogs. Once restored to health, these pets are ready to be placed in the loving homes they deserve.

WHEN: Thursday, January 20, 2005
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: **Bonhams & Butterfields**
220 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco

TICKETS: **Exclusively for patron-level supporters of the 10th Annual Bark & Whine Ball** (from \$450 for those 30-years and older, \$250 for donors 29 years and younger)
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“Every Dog Has His Date...and Night!”
THE CANINE CONNECTION FOR PARTY ANIMALS

7:00 – 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005

WHAT: **CLAW** (Critter Lovers At Work), a volunteer fundraising arm of **The SF/SPCA**, hosts the 10th Annual Bark & Whine Ball. This year, the theme for dogs and their people to woof it up is “Every Dog Has His Date.” Guests enjoy an elegant, tail wagging evening with canine companions. McCall Associates provides the night’s chow and guests sway with their sweeties to the music of Dick Bright’s Orchestra. The Bark & Whine Ball is *the* pooch event of the season. Proceeds benefit The SF/SPCA’s Cinderella Fund, which provides special treatment and medical care for ill or injured cats and dogs. Once restored to health, these pets are ready to be placed in the loving homes they deserve.

WHEN: Thursday, March 3, 2005
7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

WHERE: **San Francisco Gift Center**
888 Brannan Street (at 8th Street), San Francisco

TICKETS: **Tickets are \$20 for four-legged party animals**
General admission per person: \$125 for those over 30 years of age and \$75 for ages 29 and younger
Patron categories range from \$450 - \$2,500, with young patron levels for those 29 and younger starting at \$250
Call 415-522-3535 or visit www.barkandwhine.org.

EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

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About CLAW (Critter Lovers At Work)

CLAW is an all-volunteer support group of The SF/SPCA. Its mission is to generate support for and raise public awareness of The SF/SPCA through the planning and production of special events. CLAW was founded with the first Holiday Windows with Gump’s in 1987. The tradition has continued with The Bark and Whine Ball and the

Hats Off Luncheon & Fashion Show. For more information please call 415-522-3535,
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About The SF/SPCA Cinderella Fund

At The SF/SPCA, ill and injured animals receive the special veterinary care they need to make them adoptable, thanks to monies from the Cinderella Fund. The SF/SPCA's Cinderella Fund transforms the lives of the neediest animals who arrive at the shelter -- those who are not only homeless, but also are sick or injured. Once restored to health, these special pets can then be placed in the “happy ever after homes” they deserve. For more information about the Cinderella Fund and the many other programs and services of The San Francisco SPCA, call (415) 554-3000.

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