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Greetings, friends of the **SPCA Cincinnati** and welcome to Fur Ball: Derby Day! We value your time and appreciate your support in joining us tonight to help us further our mission and save more animals in our community.

It has been my pride and privilege to be part of the **SPCA Cincinnati**, first as a Board of Trustees Member, then as a member of the staff leadership team, and, finally, in my most recent role as President & CEO. The SPCA has been part of my life for more than 30 years. In that time, much has changed, and YOU—our donors, sponsors, and volunteers—working alongside our dedicated staff, have been the driving force behind these changes. Your efforts have ensured that the **SPCA Cincinnati** remains a recognized leader in animal welfare locally, regionally, and nationally, saving the lives of countless adoptable pets.

I have given my heart and soul to our animals, and my experiences at the **SPCA Cincinnati** have fulfilled my life in ways I never thought possible. The time has now come for me to focus my energy on my beautiful wife Eileen of 49 years, our sons, daughters, and grandchildren, as I have chosen to retire. The choice to retire is sometimes unsettling to me, as such a large part of my life has been dedicated to the SPCA. I know there will be a hole in my heart, and I'll miss the SPCA and our animals very much, but life is, in fact, shorter than we all want to grasp and the time for me to make as many memories as possible with my family is now.

As I prepare to leave the **SPCA Cincinnati**, I pass the honor of the President & CEO title to Chris Seelbach. Chris comes to the SPCA with over a decade of experience as a City of Cincinnati elected official who helped pass animal welfare laws for the betterment of our community. Chris's deep passion for animals led him to the animal welfare arena at OAR (Ohio Alleycat Resource & Spay/Neuter Clinic), where he had much success. Please help me in giving a warm welcome to Chris Seelbach! And together, with all our furry and feathered friends, we thank you for helping us further our mission this evening.

Warm Regards,

Mike Retzlaff Outgoing President & CEO



#### And we're off...

Welcome to the 23rd Annual **SPCA Cincinnati** Fur Ball. It's Derby Day! So many fancy hats and dapper gentlemen tonight. You look fantastic, so flaunt your flair and tip your hats with pride!

We hope you've enjoyed the night thus far with our specialty cocktails, sponsored by Absolut – the Meow Julep and Barks Lily. During cocktail hour, you strolled the Fur Ball Bourbon Trail and explored our Whiskey Wall, also sponsored by Absolut. Perhaps you're taking home one of our engraved Fur Ball Derby Day whiskey bottles or got gift cards to your favorite restaurants at the Woof Down Wall. Don't forget to bid on our Silent Auction items, including custom-painted horse sculptures from artists at Queen City Clay. Our Silent Auction closes at midnight.

You are absolutely essential to our mission. We couldn't save these animals without your ongoing support, whether through corporate, business, or individual contributions. Your impact makes a difference, and we are truly grateful.

Please help us tonight by bidding on our live auction items and contributing to our mission plea. We need you! Your money stays here and directly benefits the **SPCA Cincinnati**. We are locally funded and not affiliated with any national organizations.

Our Fur Ball Derby Day Gala would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our committee members, staff, and countless volunteers. We are deeply grateful for our invaluable SPCA family - your support is forever appreciated.

Speaking of family, if you think you've found a new furry family member tonight, this is a reminder that adoptions of shelter animals you've met tonight will begin at 12 noon tomorrow at the **SPCA Cincinnati** shelter at 11900 Conrey Road in Sharonville. Don't be late, your best friend is waiting for you!

Welcome to the SPCA Cincinnati Derby and enjoy the show.

Diane Corman 2025 Fur Ball Chair



#### **Mission Statement**

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#### Welcome to Our 23rd Annual Fur Ball Gala!

#### 8:15 p.m. Welcome, Entertainment & Dinner

**Salad:** Bibb Lettuce w/ Spring Green Mix, Heirloom Tomatoes, Cucumber Ribbon, Shredded Carrots, Watermelon Radish & Parmesan Crisp w/ choice of House made Passion Fruit & Raspberry Balsamic Vinaigrette (GLUTEN FREE & VEGAN) & House made Ranch.

**Entree:** Duo plate of Blackened Skin on Chicken w/ a White Wine Velouté & Braised Short Rib w/ Caramelized Onion Demi Sauce. Potato Pavé & Roasted Heirloom Carrots (ALL GLUTEN FREE).

**Custom Vegan Entree:** Blackened Cauliflower Steak, Potato Pavé & Roasted Heirloom Carrots. (ALL GLUTEN FREE & VEGAN).

**Desserts:** Flourless Chocolate Cake w/ White Chocolate Mousse & Raspberry Sauce & Whipped Cream w/ Blueberries (VEGAN & GLUTEN FREE).

Derby Pie w/ Whipped Cream & Blueberries.

- 8:45 p.m. Trip Raffle
- 9:20 p.m. Pet Parade
- 9:25 p.m. Most Dapper Gentleman & Most Chic Woman's Hat
- 9:40 p.m. Plea & Live Auction
- 10:25 p.m. Bourbon Raffle, Horse Racing Raffle & Happy Tails
- 10:30 p.m. THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE FUR BALL!
- 12 Midnight Silent Auction closes get your last second bids in!

Sunday,<br/>May 4thSPCA Cincinnati Sharonville at 11900 Conrey Rd.12 NoonPets seen this evening will be available for adoption12 Noonfrom 12 Noon to 6 p.m. tomorrow for Fur Ball<br/>attendees. Multiple interest on a specific pet will<br/>require a raffle. Raffle tickets are limited to one per<br/>household.



#### 2025 FUR BALL MASTER OF CEREMONIES





#### Meet our Master of Ceremonies, David McCreary!

David McCreary has been performing comedy and magic since he was 20 years old. Yes, while his friends were all in college or beginning respectable careers, David was learning magic tricks. Think about that. For over 30 years now, David (a full-grown adult) has been doing magic tricks.

There's a fine line between awesome and sad and David has chosen to walk that line all for his audience's enjoyment. Combining rapid fire quick wit and unbelievable sleight of hand, David will have you scratching your head one moment and holding your sides from laughter the next. David hopes this is magic and comedy that you'll be talking about for days, weeks, maybe even months from now, because, if not, he has completely wasted his entire adult life.

Aside from comedy and magic, David has been the host of the Ohio Lottery's weekly televised gameshow, Cash Explosion. He has written and appeared in many television commercials and continues to do his best to entertain the masses on YouTube and social media.

Honda of America, Fed Ex, Chase Banks, NetJets, Jason Day's Brighter Days Invitational, The Buckeye Cruise for Cancer, and NBC are just a few of the companies that sing the praises of David's comedy and magic.

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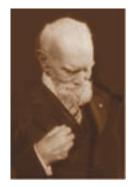
In 1873, a small group of citizens in Cincinnati were concerned about the cruelty against animals they saw around them; they went on to form what is now the **SPCA Cincinnati**.

One of these founders was E.P. Bradstreet, a prominent attorney who served as counsel to the first Board of Trustees of the **SPCA Cincinnati**. Bradstreet's service extended for over 40 years. As a Trustee, Bradstreet helped shape Ohio laws against animal cruelty and aided in establishing humane societies in every Ohio county. As President, he oversaw incorporation of the organization in 1907.

Generous with his time, talent, and financial resources, Bradstreet represented the spirit of Cincinnati, which is now home to one of America's leading humane societies. His name is carried forth in our **Bradstreet Giving Program**.

In 2023, we celebrated 150 years of service to the Greater Cincinnati community, and it's because of compassionate people like E.P. Bradstreet and you!

Give today and join a special group of supporters dedicated to making a difference for all animals in Cincinnati.







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Thanks to our Committee Members & Volunteers for their tireless efforts

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Special thanks to Jen Pierson, who generously donated her time & talent to design the 2025 Fur Ball: Derby Day graphics

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#### Silent Auction Registration, Bidding & Pickup

If you haven't yet registered for our online Silent Auction or you simply want to start bidding, you're in the right place! Using your phone's camera, scan the QR code below and your phone will link you to our site where you can register and bid on hundreds of items!



Remember, bidding is open until Midnight tonight, May 3rd! You can set auto bids which will bid for you as needed, up to a maximum bid of your choosing.

Did you win a bid? Congratulations! Silent Auction pickup will be at:

SPCA Cincinnati 11900 Conrey Road Cincinnati, OH 45249

#### Pickup available on the following dates and times:

Sunday, May 4th 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7th 5 to 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 11th 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Questions? Contact Megan Roberson at (513) 426-2216 or **mroberson@spcacincinnati.org** 

#### Bid on the Horse Sculpture Project, painted by Queen City Clay Artists!



Ben Clark, President and Co-Owner of Queen City Clay, helped coordinate our Horse Sculpture Project. The horse sculptures seen below were painted by talented local artists who frequent Queen City Clay. We are thankful for Ben's support as well as for all the artists who donated their time and talent.

Queen City Clay, formally known as Annie's Mud Pie Shop, has been around since the 1990's. Annie Swantko, the original owner, rented an outdated factory and turned it into a clay studio. While the business has changed owners, locations, and names throughout the years, the integrity and mission has remained the same: "to foster the human impulse to create." In 2015, the business was purchased by Ben Clark and Denise Chase and renamed 'Queen City Clay.' Their goal is, and always has been, to create an open and inclusive space for all artists to nurture their creative passions.

To learn more about what Queen City Clay offers, please visit their website **QueenCityClay.com.** 



**Rita Geiger painted Horse #1**. A fine arts major at Thomas More in the '70s, Rita returned to art around 25 years ago with watercolor and pastel landscapes. She started at Queen City Clay about 18 years ago with wheel throwing. The horse has an underglaze covered in a clear glaze. She wanted the horse to be in the landscape as well as the canvas for the landscape.





Katie Swartz painted Horses #2 and #4. She is an art teacher at Harrison High School.



Kate McGreevy painted Horse #3 and is a local artist.



Margaret Kammerer painted Horse #5 and works with digital art.

Jill Siedel painted Horse #6. With a feel reminiscent of fabric, this piece features a letter from her mom about horses, blending techniques and personal stories. Jill's pottery business, Whiffle and Wander, is named after one of her pups. She believes the most perfect things have character, like beloved pets. With a deep connection to her heritage, her ceramic journey began in 2017, but her style evolved when creating centerpieces for her sister's wedding, a moment that continues to influence her work.





**Renee Lentz painted Horse #7.** She is an art teacher at Clark Montessori.



Mara U. Cakan painted Horse #8. She is a Turkish Artist.



Antoine Tran painted Horse #9. He has been at Queen City Clay for 2 years. His horse has an Amaco velvet underglaze and clear glaze with mother of pearl luster overglaze that gives the sculpture a true gloss.



Laurie Wright painted Horse #10 and is a local artist.



John Fowler painted Horse #11 and is a Kiln Tech.



Scan for more details & bid until Midnight tonight!

#### Live Auction: Mr. GQ & Cigar Dinner at Boathouse

Visit Romualdo Sartoria in Madeira where you'll be custom fitted for your very own Romualdo's Custom Sportcoat! You may bring up to three (3) guests who will receive 15% off any purchases they make. Romualdo's handmade garments are designed, cut, and crafted with your lifestyle in mind. Their suiting is rooted in Italian aesthetic and crafted with old-world integrity.

You'll also enjoy an evening of sophisticated indulgence! Enjoy a priceless 4-course dinner for (4) four at Montgomery Inn, The Boathouse which includes an open bar, wine tasting, and cigar tasting on one of the following dates in 2025: May 28, June 25, September 25, October 29. Gratuity not included. Please make your reservations early. Must be 21+.

Donors: Romualdo, Dean Gregory, and Tim Brock



#### Live Auction: Hakuna Matata

Experience the magic of theatre with The Lion King musical! First, enjoy a dinner out on the town with a \$1,000 Jeff Ruby gift card. After dinner, you'll treat your group to eight (8) tickets in the Corporate Viewing Suite in the Procter & Gamble Hall at the Aronoff Center for the Arts for the Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 7:30 p.m. performance.

Winner of six Tony Awards<sup>®</sup>, including Best Musical, this landmark musical event brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. Tony Award<sup>®</sup>-winning director Julie Taymor brings to life a story filled with hope and adventure set against an amazing backdrop of stunning visuals. The Lion King also features some of Broadway's most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award<sup>®</sup>-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice.

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#### **Live Auction: Precious Pearls**

Turn heads and spark envy with this stunning necklace from Scott Reising Jewelers. Featuring a graceful graduated strand of Akoya cultured pearls measuring approximately 15 x 12 mm in diameter, this exquisite piece is finished with a 14kt white gold clasp adorned with diamonds. Retail value of \$12,875.

The timeless elegance of these pearls would be perfect in celebration of any occasion for a lifetime of enjoyment. A wonderful gift for an anniversary, bride, graduate, young professional, or a gift for yourself!

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#### **Live Auction: Bourbon Trail Weekend**

You'll enjoy a two-night stay for two (2) at the Eighth Pole Inn in Lexington. Experience the grandeur of the thoroughbred farms that grace the landscape, the heritage and historic venues to visit, and the simple peace-of-mind pleasure of the Bluegrass region. Expert guides will provide exclusive access to private farms so you can truly enjoy the beauty of Kentucky. Dates based on availability before November 30, 2025.

Take a tour of your choosing for two (2) with The Kentucky Bourbon Boys for the bourbon tasting experience of a lifetime! This exclusive tour includes lunch at a local restaurant and private transportation with an experienced guide!

This package also includes a Fetchington Pet Hotel 4-night stay for your pup in a small luxury suite (up to 30 lbs and stay is based on availability). If you choose not to use the Fetchington for your pooch on this trip, feel free to use it another time before April 30, 2026! Not valid for spring break and holiday periods.

Donors: Unique Horse Farm Tours, Eighth Pole Inn, Marie Catanzaro & The Fetchington Pet Hotel



#### Live Auction: Monteverdi - Tuscany, Italy

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- Valid from May 3, 2025 to December 20, 2026
- Airfare not included
- Rome airport is 2 hours away and Florence airport is 1.5 hours away

Donor: Michael Cioffi

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#### Live Auction: Let Me Wine & Dine You!

This unique package for eight (8) people will treat you and your friends or family members to an unforgettable Wine and Dine Experience at Jeff Seeley's Indian Hill residence, a Frank Lloyd Wright Design home.

Jeff, a passionate foodie and local Cooks Chopped Competition champion against Daveed's Chef, will craft a bespoke menu tailored to your preferences. To elevate the experience, a skilled sommelier will be on hand to guide you through wine selections, creating a perfect pairing for each course.

Donor: Jeff Seeley, Piazza Discepoli Owner



#### Live Auction: The Beast of Wine

The flagship wine at Del Dotto Vineyards, "The Beast", truly lives up to its name and reputation. And it can be yours! You will receive 6 bottles of "The Beast" Cabernet Sauvignon wines from 2013 - 2018. This wine represents the pinnacle of Napa Valley winemaking—an opulent and meticulously crafted expression of the finest estate-grown fruit. Produced in limited quantities, it is a masterful blend sourced from Del Dotto's most prized vineyards, ensuring unrivaled depth, complexity, and balance. These wines are not only rare but also highly coveted and reserved for an exclusive VIP circle of collectors and connoisseurs.

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It is one of the most highly awarded wines in the world with a 100-point rating from Robert Parker, who has praised the producer: "Here's an insider's tip for visitors to Napa Valley: Don't dare miss a tasting at Del Dotto's cellars..."

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#### Live Auction: The Beast of Wine (continued)







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#### Live Auction: Cruisin' & Boozin'

A three-hour cruise on the Ohio River aboard the Rosinante VI, a Bluewater cruiser with Captain that accommodates 25 people comfortably. Book your trip for the 2025 boating season - June thru mid-October any Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays. Reservations are required in advance and are subject to availability.

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#### Live Auction: Treat Yourselves!

The start of an unforgettable experience for two (2) begins with an indulgent escape at Mitchell's Salon and Day Spa, where you and a guest will enjoy a soothing massage and a pedicure. After the spa, enjoy an in-home hair and makeup application for one, from Moxxie Makeup, Cincinnati's most sought after top tier team of makeup artists and hair stylists. Once you are ready for for your date, you will both be treated to a gourmet dining experience with Chef Jessica Saydah of Little Gem Culinary, a personal chef who will craft a custom menu tailored to your tastes, and in the comfort of your own space. Drinks are included with a bottle of Jefferson's Presidential Select 16 Year Old Bourbon. Exceptionally rare and bottled in extremely limited quantities, only 10,000 bottles were produced worldwide, making it a collectable classic.

The final touch to the evening is a \$150 gift card towards concert tickets from the Candlelight Concert Series in Cincinnati, not only known for its sea of candles, but also for the breathtaking venues it illuminates: Memorial Hall, Rhinegeist Brewery, and The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. From enchanting tributes to contemporary songs to classical compositions, iconic movie soundtracks and more, you won't want to miss this experience. It will be a night to remember, leaving you both with memories that will last a lifetime!

Donors: Chef Jessica Saydah, Jessie King & Mitchell's



#### Live Auction: Let It Roar!

Take your family or your best buddies to a Bengals Game in 2025! The lucky winner gets eight (8) excellent seats all together in section 140, Row 21 on the 50 yard line. Choose from one of these home games: Pittsburgh, Baltimore, or Cleveland. Includes a Lot E parking pass, a primo spot to tailgate!

You'll also get catering pick up for eight (8) people from Montgomery Inn which includes Ribs, Chicken Wings, Smoked Beef Brisket, Saratoga Chips/BBQ Sauce, Cole Slaw, and Brownies/Chocolate Chip Cookies.

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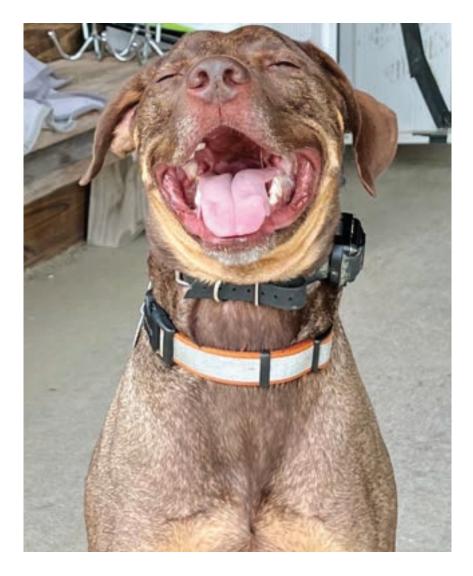
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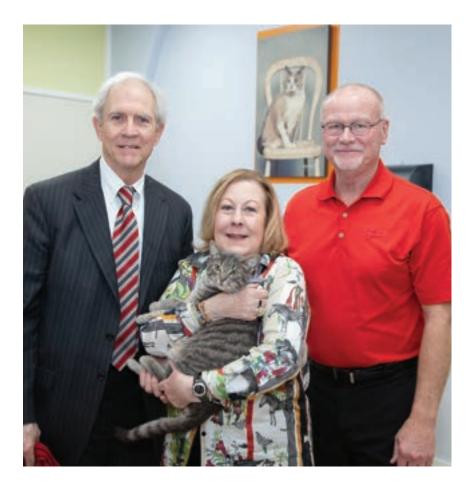
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Our story began with our Chow Now Pantry Food Truck visiting various pop-up locations in the Greater Cincinnati area. Pop-up locations have now turned into regular, twice-monthly, distribution stops with our partners Tikkun Farms in Mt. Healthy, CAIN Ministries in Northside, serving the Veterans at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, and Pets in Need in Lockland. The Chow Now Pantry is also proud to be the pet food supplier for seven St. Vincent DePaul locations, as well as Operation Give Back in Blue Ash. Our newest pet food pantry storefront at 11471 Deerfield Road is available weekly, every Thursday, 1-4 pm.

How can you help? It's easy to donate through our Chow Now Amazon Wish List via the QR code below! You can also bring dry or canned pet food, as well as anything for small animals, to the **SPCA Cincinnati** shelter in Sharonville at 11900 Conrey Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249.





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The **SPCA Cincinnati** is committed to animal welfare by providing care and shelter for animals while serving as the voice for those who can't speak for themselves. The **SPCA Cincinnati** provides educational programs and services, promoting bonds between animals and people.

Since 1873, the SPCA Cincinnati has saved countless animals. In the past 5 years:

- The SPCA Cincinnati has taken in over 16,000 animals
- More than 3,500 at-risk kittens received specialized care by the SPCA Cincinnati staff, volunteers, and fosters
- More than 13,000 animals were adopted
- 7,432 animals were spayed/neutered
- 104 pets were adopted through our Pets for People program
- 238 pets were adopted through our Pets for Vets program
- 459 animals were adopted through Paw It FURward
- 2,697 animals received foster care

The **SPCA Cincinnati** is an open admission shelter that accepts any animal in need. We also practice Managed Admissions.



#### **CURRENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Our Live Release Rate (LRR) is consistently well above 90%, making us a no-kill shelter. Our LRR for 2024 was 98.42%
- Comprehensive Annual Report published in 2024
- Four Star (highest) rating with Charity Navigator
- Every Dog, Every Day: Volunteers and staff aim to walk "every dog, every day"
- Tick and flea-free facility
- 100% rabies and heartworm prevention for adoptable pets
- Improved cleaning procedures and standards
- URI (Upper Respiratory Infection) cats are now available as adoptable pets
- Managed Admissions reduces or eliminates shelter time for pets
- The Chow Now Pantry Food Truck began with visiting various pop-up locations in the Greater Cincinnati area and have now turned in to regular, twice-monthly, distribution stops in the community. This helps fill in the gap for pet parents in need of assistance, including veterans. In 2024, the Chow Now Pantry gave out more than 100,000 pounds of pet food to people in need all over the Greater Cincinnati area.

#### **OUR GOALS**

- Develop a 100% placement of adoptable pets philosophy within our region, through spay/neutering and forever adoptions
- Strengthen humane education to create an abuse-free culture
- Create a net-zero homeless pet population in Greater Cincinnati
- Build a pet and student destination in Western Hamilton County at
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We are honored to have **Cincinnati Reds Pitcher, Andrew Abbott** on our team as our official **SPCA Cincinnati** spokesperson!

We are also proud to announce that the year 2025 marks a remarkable 16-year collaboration between the **SPCA Cincinnati** and the Cincinnati Reds, affectionately known as **Bark in the Park**! These beloved events bring together our community's passion for pets and baseball, allowing families to enjoy the thrill of Reds baseball alongside their dogs at the Great American Ball Park.

It's also a wonderful way for the **SPCA Cincinnati** to bring their adoptable pets to the public, increasing their chances of finding forever homes. Each event serves as a platform to raise awareness about these animals and the mission of **SPCA Cincinnati**. We look forward to many more years of games at the Great American Ball Park. *Play ball!* 



## CELEBRATE 16 YEARS OF Bark in the Park

Reserve your seats today for Bark in the Park and enjoy the excitement of Reds baseball alongside your pet at Great American Ball Park!



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We are committed to advancing animal welfare by prioritizing the care and respect of thoroughbreds, ensuring that society stays 'On the Right Track.'

This groundwork was laid decades ago, with **SPCA Cincinnati**'s involvement at the state level, helping to pass legislation such as the Ohio Animal Welfare Bill of 2003 and our seat at the table for the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board in 2012.

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