The Mutt Nose Best "PAW It Forward" Foundation presents...

BARKK...To End The Silence 5K Walk, Run or WOOF!

Saturday September 27th on the Bangor Waterfront

A Dog Friendly Dash to bring about a time where families do not have to choose between their safety and the animals they love.

Animals are abused in a staggering 88% of families where violence is an issue, according to The Animal Welfare Society. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that 71% of pet owners entering domestic violence shelters have reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control their victims. Sadly 65% of pet owners in these situations stay in danger longer because of fear for their animals' safety.

52% of victims in shelters felt they had no choice but to leave their beloved pets with their batterers...

With the support of compassionate businesses like yours, together we can bring about a time when families no longer have to choose between their safety and the animals they love...

Maine is a pioneer in the legal protection of animals in domestic violence situations, however with statutes in place to include animals in protection from abuse orders Maine still has NO PET FRIENDLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS in the entire state that allow families to escape with their animals.

It is not an issue a lot of people think about unless they are in the situation but for those suffering at the hands of another this roadblock sometimes turns into a life threatening reality.

The Mutt Nose Best "PAW IT Forward" Foundation intends to change this. With your support we can make history by equipping the first domestic violence shelter in the state with pet friendly accommodations. Join us Saturday September 27th, 2014 on the Bangor Waterfront for a dog-friendly 5K to raise money to make this mission a reality. Form a team of your own or join TEAM DIRTY DOGS

"You never know the hurt others endure in this world behind the closed windows of their life, or the joy a simple act of kindness can bring." Author Jennifer Skiff, The Divinity Of Dogs

"Sally was everything to me—everything. She comforted me as I suffered, nurtured me as I grew, instilled in me the difference between right and wrong, and was my mother when my own was lost. Sally was my good in the world." Author Jennifer Skiff, *The Divinity Of Dogs*, recounts the importance of the bond she had with her childhood dog, Sally. Those of us who love animals know that their companionship, especially in times of turmoil, is immeasurable.

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