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## MSPCA-Angell's 7th annual 'Walk for Animals' set for Sunday in Boston

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

MSPCA-Angell's seventh annual Walk for Animals in Boston on Sunday will feature special guests including Marathon bombing hero Carlos Arredondo and RadioBDC disc jockey Henry Santoro, the organization announced.

The event is expected to draw more than 2,500 participants, most of whom will be walking with their dog or dogs and, in some cases, their cat or cats.

The walk will kick off at noon on Sunday from the Boston Common. Santoro will emcee the event and [Arredondo](#), his wife and their two dogs will lead the walk.

The Boston walk will be held at the same time as two other MSPCA walks, one in Hyannis and one in Methuen.

Funds raised from the events will support animal protection programs at the three MSPCA animal care and adoption centers in Jamaica Plain, Centerville and Methuen.

Over the past five years, the walk has raised more than \$1 million. The organization said it hopes to raise more than \$350,000 this year.

For more event details, see information below from the MSPCA's press release about the walks:

**Boston Walk Highlights** In addition to appearances from Henry and Carlos, and half a dozen food and beverage booths set up on the Common, the Boston Walk will again feature a "Leader of the Pack," who will walk at the front of the crowd and be available for photographs before, during and after the event. Leading the pack this year will be Sachmo and Hana, two purebred Shar Peis who were rescued along with 11 others from a hoarding house in Braintree, Mass. in January of this year. Sachmo and Hana have since been adopted into wonderful permanent homes and they will be walking with their families. The Boston walk will also features a

with their families. The Boston Walk will also feature a specially designed agility course, called the "Tough Mutt-er," designed to challenge dogs (and their owners) who will compete for audience applause as they navigate the course. Any Walk participant can sign up for the Tough Mutt-er when they register for the walk. Also at the Boston Walk, a veterinarian from Angell Animal Medical Center will be on-site throughout the day to answer pet-health related questions. For regular readers of the Boston.com "Ask an Angell Vet" online community, this is a unique opportunity to ask questions of the vets behind the popular forum. Finally, the MSPCA is also reprising other fan-favorite contests such as "Best Pet Trick," "Best Kisser," "Human Lookalike," and more!

**Methuen Walk Highlights** For the first time the Methuen Walk will be held on the grounds of the MSPCA-Nevins Farm. The Nevins Farm team hopes to garner even more community support for the Walk now that it will take place on home soil. The Methuen Walk will include part of the newly opened Methuen Rail Trail, a beautifully wooded trail that runs partly through the MSPCA's property. Featured at the Walk is a "Vendor Village", showcasing unique pet products and crafts from local businesses. Walkers and their dogs will also have a chance to try out the newest canine sports, including Nosework and WagIt! Games. Following the Walk the 18th annual Pet Memorial Sunday service will take place at the MSPCA's Hillside Acre Cemetery, just down the road from Nevins Farm. Walkers are invited to pay homage to departed companion animals in a special ceremony to honor them.

**Centerville Walk Highlights**

**The 2013 Hyannis Walk for Animals** will be emceed by 99.9 WQRC Morning Show host and animal lover Shailene Jackson. This year's Walk will focus on community service, with a number of Cape Cod non-profit animal service organizations participating, including the Cape Cod Disaster Animal Response Team; the Cape Cod Companion Animal Program; and the Mashpee Dog Park. The Walk will also feature "Cape Cod's Talented Dog Competition" featuring a number of

Cod's Talented Dog Competition, featuring a number of local dogs who will vie for the title of the Cape's most talented canine. Lastly, the walk will again host the MSPCA-Centerville's famous Hot Dog Eating Race. Corporate Sponsors Line Up to Support the Walk for Animals The list of sponsors for this year's Walk is a veritable "who's who" of the food, beverage, media and pet merchandise world. Boston.com is again the exclusive media sponsor for the event. Celebrated ice cream maker Ben and Jerry's will be onsite. Cedar's Hummus, makers of delicious and all natural hummus, chips and spreads will once again feed hungry walkers. Joining Cedar's is VitaCoco, purveyors of the increasingly popular and 100 percent pure coconut water, which is sure to be a hit with walkers on a hot day. In addition to the above companies, top pet food, supplies and medicine companies such as NMWT Credit Union, Especially for Pets, Bowchies, Cardinal, Doody Calls, Covidien, and Hill's are again supporting this year's Walk. Additional sponsors include Food Should Taste Good, Merck, Patterson Vet, TD Bank, Unleashed by Petco, Whole Foods, Yoghund and Zoetis.

For more details and to register for any of the walks, [click here](#).

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