

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**August 30, 2013**

**Contact:** Nancy Lee Gomer, Marketing Coordinator

**Phone:** 636.949.7535 or cell 636.795.1137



## St. Charles County Parks Hosts Off-Leash Dog Festival on Sept. 21

*St. Charles County, Missouri* – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department is celebrating its 10th annual **Paws in the Park** off-leash dog festival on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Broemmelsiek Park, 1615 Schwede Rd., Wentzville, 63385 (off of Highway DD/Winghaven Blvd.). Pet lovers from across the region will attend this fun, free off-leash dog festival that's packed with contests, prizes, sponsor giveaways, and K-9 and obedience skills demonstrations. Admission is free with a dog food/pet supply donation. All donations benefit Five Acres Animal Shelter and St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center.

Enjoy special appearances and exiting demonstrations by Gateway DockDogs, St. Charles County Sheriff K-9's and Infinitepawsibilities Training! Let your furry friend compete in a game of Bobbing for Biscuits, the Dog Treat Toss, Cake Walk or agility course. Game tickets are six for \$5. Winners of the Best costume, Best Trick, Fastest Ball Retrieval from Pond, Best Dog/Owner Look-Alike and Best Kisser will be awarded commemorative medals during the event.

Participating businesses and sponsoring organizations include, McCauley Animal Shelter, Yuppy Puppy Pet Spa, PetCo, Westinn Kennels, First State Bank, Lady Bug Snow Cones, Harper's Doggie Daycare, The Complete Dawg, Club K9, Hawk Ridge Family Chiropractic, Rescued Racers, Tender Care Animal Hospital, Sebastien's Pet Salon, the Guardians Auto Club, and more!

"Paws in the Park has grown to be one of St. Charles County's most popular programs of the year," said Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer. "And Broemmelsiek Park's Off-Leash Dog Area was recently voted Best Dog Park in the region."

For more information about the **Paws in the Park** celebration or to become a vendor, contact St. Charles County Parks Marketing Coordinator Nancy Lee Gomer at 636.949.7535 or visit [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org).

# # #