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The G2 Gallery

G2 Gallery to Host Best Friends Animal Society Fundraiser

Eco-friendly Gallery Continues its Support of Animal Rescue Organizations

Venice, CA—On Saturday, July 18, at 6:30 pm, the G2 Gallery will host a fundraiser for Best Friends Animal Society. The evening will include a silent auction.

Best Friends Animal Society was established in the late 1980's to find homes for the “unadoptable” abandoned and abused stray cats and dogs of the world. Since its inception, Best Friends has led a grassroots effort that has reduced the number of pets destroyed each year from 17 million to 5 million, and they are determined to exceed this record. At its sanctuary in Utah, Best Friends provides a home to approximately 2,000 dogs, cats and other animals who receive special care and are either placed in homes, or live out their days in an atmosphere of love with Best Friends.

This event coincides with the exhibition *Paws* at the G2 Gallery. Known for bringing images of wildlife to the public, G2 Gallery's latest exhibition looks at the animals we bring into our homes as pets. Photography by Harry Giglio, Melinda Lerner, Genaro Molina, and Sharon Montrose will be on display in the gallery, as well as bronzes by

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Audrey Lynne Cook and hand carved wood sculpture by Norton Latourelle. Proceeds from *Paws* will benefit Best Friends Animal Society. The exhibition will run through August 9, 2009.

The Best Friends Animal Society Fundraiser is open to the public. A \$12 donation at the door is appreciated.

LOCATION: The G2 Gallery (www.theg2gallery.com)
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About Best Friends Animal Society

Best Friends Animal Society is guided by a simple philosophy: kindness to animals builds a better world for all of us. In the late 1980s, when Best Friends was in its early days, roughly 17 million dogs and cats were being killed in shelters every year. Despite the commitment of shelter workers to the animals in their care, the conventional belief was that little could be done to lower that terrible number. Best Friends' No More Homeless Pets campaign created a new vision: A grassroots effort to place dogs and cats who were considered "unadoptable" into good homes, and to reduce the number of unwanted pets through effective spay and neuter programs. Since then, the number of dogs and cats being destroyed in shelters has fallen to approximately 5 million a year.

About *Paws*

Dedicated to the wild and the humorous, the soulful and the playful, *Paws* invites a closer look at the cherished creatures that we bring into our lives. Six artists working in

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sculpture and photography capture the instincts and idiosyncrasies of our canine companions and feline friends.

About G2 Gallery

Established in March 2008, the G2 Gallery in Venice, California, is a green art space with a dedicated focus on contemporary nature and wildlife photography. In keeping with G2's commitment to supporting arts and the environment, the gallery presents exhibitions with eco-conscious themes, donating the proceeds from all art sales to environmental charities and hosts free concerts and lectures that bring awareness of critical issues to our community.

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