

Fishermen's Village hosts annual Wildlife/Animal Awareness Expo

The Fishermen's Village annual Wildlife/Animal Awareness Expo takes place Saturday, June 6, offering informative displays by local and regional facilities and organizations dedicated to assistance, preservation and education related to wildlife and animals. The event is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fishermen's Village, located off Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda. The event is free of charge and the public is encouraged to attend.

Participating organizations will feature live demonstrations as well as domesticated animals and wildlife. Representatives will be available to answer questions and provide educational materials. Pet adoption will also be offered.

New to the Expo this year: The Mote Marine Mobile Laboratory Unit, an 850-gallon tank featuring fish, shells and other touchables, will be in the front parking lot of the Village from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special demonstrations by the Southwest K9 Academy will be presented in Center Court at the Village at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Other new organizations participating include horse rescue by Bit of Hope Ranch; Best Friends Dog Training; DEP Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves; Nature's Embrace Aromatherapy; Fur to Feathers Pet Sitting Services; Towles Club K-9 Resort; The Cat Cottage; Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary; and Parrot Adoption & Rescue Resource. These new groups will be joining long-standing annual participants: Animal Welfare League of CC,

Animal Medical Clinic of Punta Gorda, Animal Luvrs, Adorable Dogs Pet Motel, Babcock Wilderness, Buddies thru Bullies English Bulldogs Rescue, Canidae All Natural Pet Foods, Home-ward Bound Greyhounds, Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary, King Fisher, Paws Dog Daycare, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Suncoast Humane Society of Englewood, Delta Society Gulf Coast Pet Partners, Charlotte County Coop Ext., Florida Boxer Rescue, Pampered Pet Health Center, Salty Paws, Canoe

Outpost, Lions, Tigers & Bears, Canine Castaways, PETA, Peace River Dog Fanciers, Peace River Audubon Society, Peace River Wildlife Center, Save the Chimps, The Gulfcoast Dog Magazine, The Animal Clinic, United Animal Nations and Calusa Nature Center.

This family friendly, educational event is coordinated by the Marketing/Events staff of Fishermen's Village. For more information, contact Kathy Burnam, (941) 575-3007 or Hope Petkus, (941) 575-3067 or visit www.fishville.com. ■

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