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STRETCH- OUT- WITH 'DOGS ON THE DOMAIN'

On Sunday 11 October, the Hobart City Council in conjunction with the Hobart Dog Walking Association, Dogs' Home of Tasmania and the Hobart Canine Obedience Club will again be hosting the highly popular **Dogs on the Domain** event at Soldiers Memorial Oval.

Lord Mayor Alderman Rob Valentine said the annual event is being held as part of the Premier's Get Walking Tasmania Campaign 2009.

"Owners will be encouraged to 'take the lead' and stretch out around the Queens Domain."

"This is a special 'dog's day out' event designed to get people active by providing a series of walking options for dogs and their owners across the popular Soldiers Walk. Two walks are on offer commencing at 10.30am on Sunday, a long walk of 2.8 kilometres and a short walk of 1.3 kilometres....You have a choice, a light stroll or a more challenging walk," said the Lord Mayor.

"The Walks are a feature of the day and the Council is encouraging people to set aside a few hours specifically to allow them and their dogs to get exercise while in the company of like minded people. It really is a great way to have a fun day."

"Registrations for the Walk commence at 10am at the Council Stall. Each dog registered for a walk will receive a free doggy pack and the chance to win a prize in the lucky draw prize which will be drawn at 12:45pm," said Alderman Valentine.

Stall holders on the Oval will include Merry Conway Dog Listener, Dogs' Home of Tasmania, the Hobart Dog Walking Association, Hobart Canine Obedience Club, Tasmanian Canine Association, North Hobart Vet, RSPCA, Top Dog Grooming Salon.

Relaxing entertainment will be provided by the band 'Hare of the Dog' with lots of fun for the kids including jumping castle, face painting, and Jimbo the Clown with balloon animals.

The Hobart Canine Obedience Club will have demonstrations throughout the day, including agility, rally obedience, flyball and doggy dancing. There will be a pet parade held at 11:45am. Make sure you register with your dog at the Dogs' Home of Tasmania stall for your chance to win! On offer will be free micro chipping for dogs registered to the Hobart Municipal area, (displaying their registration tag).

The Lord Mayor said that the Council continues to support an active community through events such as Dogs on the Domain.

“This event involves people with likeminded interests who have a desire to continue a healthy lifestyle, not just for themselves, but for their dogs as well.”

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