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MEDIA ADVISORY

May 30, 2012

What: Animal Survivor Media Event
When: Thursday, May 31 from 9:50-11:00am
Where: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 237
Who: Five new Animal Survivor Videos; three of the survivors, their owners and the Board-certified Veterinary Specialists who saved them.

The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is pleased to announce its twelfth annual Animal Survivor Media Event at the 2012 ACVIM Forum. The event will take place on Thursday, May 31 from 9:50am-11:00am in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA, room 237.

The Mission of the ACVIM is to enhance animal and human health by advancing veterinary internal medicine through training, education, and discovery. The Animal Survivor media event honors amazing Animal Survivors who beat the odds because of these advances in veterinary internal medicine. With the help of their owners, general practitioners, and ACVIM Board-certified Veterinary Specialists, these animals overcame life-threatening illnesses to lead healthy lives once again. Each animal has a unique story of survival made possible by veterinary internal medicine specialists. This year we have 5 survivor stories all from the New Orleans area:

1. **Angel**, a Carolina Yellow Dog (aka American Dingo) who survived Lymphoma through chemotherapy. She is now in complete remission leading a happy, healthy life.
2. Bailey, the Mastiff therapy dog, lost her front left leg to bone cancer, but is now in remission and back to visiting those in need to share her love.

3. Camille is a female short hair cat who was trapped during Hurricane Katrina and suffered Hepatic Lipidosis from starvation. She is now living in a loving home leading a good life.

4. Penny a vivacious and loving Labrador who suffered a gastric ulcer and septic peritonitis, is now back to the active life she had before she fell ill.

5. Rocky and the New Orleans Police Department horses who suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). They are now back on the job watching over the streets of New Orleans.

Angel, Bailey, Penny and their owners will all be on site for this event along with Dave Waguespack from the New Orleans Police Department, ACVIM Diplomates and other veterinary specialists.

To learn more about ACVIM’s Animal Survivors or watch this event via live Internet Stream, visit www.weareanimalsurvivors.org.

The ACVIM is the national certifying organization for veterinary specialists in Cardiology, Large Animal Internal Medicine, Neurology, Oncology, and Small Animal Internal Medicine. The ACVIM hosts an annual continuing education meeting (ACVIM Forum) where cutting-edge information, technology, and research abstracts are showcased for the veterinary community. For more information please visit www.ACVIMForum.org.

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