

Hamden doggie day to benefit Happy Tails' homeless animals

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HAMDEN - The Happy Tails Foundation has chosen Sunday for a four-pawed approach to raise money for its organization.

The event will take place in and around Joiya Day spa, 2349 Whitney Ave., and neighboring businesses, D'Camm's Ltd. and Dunn's Pub, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A doggie Halloween parade will be held at 1 p.m., with registration between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. A local bagpiper will lead the pet parade through the parking lots and along Whitney Avenue. Owners are welcome to dress up, as are their dogs, said foundation President Dolores Giannini.

The parade's grand marshal is retired **Animal** Control Officer Jean Murray. Judges are Dr. Kristine Matz, **Animal** Control Officer Christopher Smith and Mack Paddock, 9, a resident with a love for all animals. Mack recently donated \$300 from his family's economic stimulus rebate check to the foundation, to be used to help homeless animals, said Giannini.

"I really like animals and think of them equally. I want to help them out," said Mack, who looks forward to the day when **Hamden** will have an **animal shelter**.

Dunn's Pub will sell hot dogs and hamburgers, with donations going to Happy Tails. D'Camm's is allowing the use of its parking lot for staging and registration.

Hot Diggity Dog Grooming Parlor of 2676 Whitney Ave. will do nail trimming for dogs and the \$10 charge for each trimming will go to Happy Tails.

Joiya's will provide human haircuts for \$20, mini-manicures for \$5 and chair massages for \$5, all of which will be provided to Happy Tails.

Giannini said the organization has been inundated with requests from the **animal** control officer to find homes and provide medical help for pets

because of "foreclosures and unfortunate circumstances."

While the group is focused on the support of a new **animal shelter** in town, it is now working on a pet food bank, adoptions and medical help, she said.

The event will be at Joiya Day spa, 2349 Whitney Ave.