



Dog Credentials at Doggie Day Event Canine Good Citizen ("CGC") Evaluation Offered

September 17, 2008 – Pomona, NY: The Hudson Valley Humane Society today announces the Canine Good Citizen ("CGC") test will be on the agenda for "Doggie Day in the Park" on Sunday, October 19th at Kennedy Dells Park in New City. The CGC test will be administered by certified evaluator, Jen Basile of "The Dog Coach LLC" at noon; those interested in registering their dog for this test are required to pay a \$20 fee and advance registration is requested, but not required.

Formerly known throughout the county as the HVHS annual "Dog Walk", this year the event has been renamed "Doggie Day in the Park" and is expanding to include opportunities such as the CGC credential for dogs. All dogs that register for this test and complete it successfully will receive an official certificate from the American Kennel Club. "Jen has been working with dogs for nearly 30 years and we are thrilled she wants to come to Doggie Day and evaluate the CGC candidates", commented Ann Marie Gaudio, event chairperson.

To satisfactorily achieve the CGC credential, dogs and their handlers are expected to demonstrate obedience through 10 steps outlined by the AKC as follows: 1) accepting a friendly stranger, 2) sitting politely for petting, 3) appearance and grooming, 4) out for a walk on a loose leash, 5) walking through a crowd, 6) "sit" and "down" on command and staying in place, 7) come when called, 8) reaction to another dog, 9) reactions to distractions, and 10) supervised separation from their handler.

A separate fee of \$20 per dog is collected for the CGC test; all necessary AKC paperwork will be available on site. Pre-registration is requested and can be done by calling 845-942-1382 or 917-701-3870 or email hvhsny@optonline.net. More information about the CGC test as well as "Doggie Day in the Park" can be found at www.hvhumane.org or at www.thedogcoach.biz.

For further information, call Ann Marie Gaudio, HVHS, 845-942-1382.

