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FIFTH ANNUAL TOUR DE PAWS OFFERS CYCLISTS THREE RIDES

Second Chance Animal Center will hold the Fifth Annual Tour de Paws on Sunday, July 19, 2009.

“Riders will be able to choose from among three rides. For those who prefer not to ride, we have a four mile walk,” said Lesley Nase, coordinator of the Tour and a former member of the board of directors at Second Chance Animal Center.

The three bicycle tours include the Metric Century Ride of 63 miles, an In Between Ride of 30-35 miles, and a 15 mile Loop Single and Families Ride. Riders will follow a trail of paw prints past beautiful pastures and over the rolling hills of Vermont.

The four mile walk goes to Riley Rink and back by sidewalk through Manchester.

All funds raised by the bicycle rides and walk for the animals will go directly to the care of the dogs and cats at the shelter in Shaftsbury. Costs of the event have been donated by area businesses and individual animal lovers.

The event will be held at the Manchester Recreation Park, Route 30 in Manchester, VT., and participants are invited to attend a hearty, homemade barbecue at the finish of the rides. Meal tickets for family and friends are available.

Entrants who register by June 30th are guaranteed a specially designed Tour de Paws T-shirt by Artist Claudia Dalton, a Second Chance Board Member. A limited number of the shirts will also be available on the day of the race.

Cost of the Metric Century ride is \$35 through July 10th, \$40 on the day of the ride and registration will be at 7 AM, with a start time of 7:30 AM.

Registration for the In-Between ride (which is the same price as the Metric) will be at 8:30 AM with a start time of 9 AM.

The Loop Ride is \$50 for a family of four and \$25 for a single adult. Registration for the Loop Ride will be at 8:30 AM with a 9 AM start.

Walk registration takes place at 9:30 AM with a start time of 10 AM. The registration fee is \$25 for a single adult and \$40 for a family of four.

The event will be held rain or shine. For more information and to register online go to www.2ndchanceanimalcenter.org/tourdepaws. Registration forms may also be obtained by calling Second Chance Animal Center at 802-375-2898.

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