**Paws 4 A Cause Safety Guidelines**

During our event we want everyone to have a good time! We also want to keep everyone safe and comfortable (dogs and their pet parents)! Below are some guidelines and considerations to ensure a successful event.

Guidelines:

* Please make sure your dog is on a non-retractable leash that is no longer than 5’ - 6’.
  + Ask a volunteer if you need a leash.
* Please keep your dog close to you and give everybody plenty of space. Crowds and lots of unknown dogs can be overwhelming.
* Always ask before doing a dog-to-dog meet and greet. These first meetings should be kept short and sweet (under three seconds).
  + It is okay to pass a dog without saying hi. In fact, many prefer it that way.
* Bring treats! Be prepared to reward your dog for making good choices while at the event.
* Ask a volunteer if your dog needs water. We have dog water stations at various locations.

Considerations:

* Give your dog a break if they are starting to feel overwhelmed.
* If your dog is stressed by big crowds or other strange dogs, please let them stay home.
* Please do not leave your dog in the car unattended. Even with windows cracked, a car can reach 100 degrees in 10 minutes in 75-degree weather.
* Finally, please be a courteous pet owner by cleaning up after your dog.