

## Parade Grand Marshalls for 2009

Hurricane Ike was a difficult time for all of Galveston. The Galveston Island Humane Society is proud to have partnered with the Houston SPCA led by Patricia Mercer, who provided invaluable assistance in the response and recovery process of our shelter and the animals on the island following the storm. They organized rescue teams from across the country to assist with the response, all of whom fed and watered 500 animals that were left in their homes, rescued over 1800 animals, placed 450 in Houston area foster homes and celebrated nearly 400 miraculous reunions! Office staff from the HSPCA also provided shelter support long after the response.

We will honor this organization for their support and several members of their team will represent them in our parade. Among those will be members of the Cruelty Investigation's Team whose work is featured on "Animal Cops Houston" seen on the Animal Planet network.

### A Special Pre-Parade Event

A costume contest is planned prior to the start of the parade beginning at 12 noon. Those chosen few will be invited to walk in the front of the parade and receive ribbons.



**GALVESTON ISLAND HUMANE SOCIETY  
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The 11th Annual  
Krewe of  
Barkus and Meowx  
Mardi Gras Parade

Sunday, February 22, 2009



Sponsored by and benefiting the



Parade Grand Marshalls  
Staff from the Houston SPCA  
who provided assistance  
following  
Hurricane Ike

## Rescue Organizations

In the spirit of Mardi Gras, the Galveston Island Humane Society invites any animal rescue organizations (501c3) to participate in our parade. This has proven to be a fun venue to get the word out that there are many wonderful pets who need homes while having a good time.

A lead representative of the group should contact the GIHS to make arrangements. The fee for each group will be a minimum donation of \$25 and will not include a t-shirt. Any shirts that are to be purchased should be ordered in advance if possible.

## For Your Information

The Galveston Island Humane Society building was destroyed by Hurricane Ike. That was just the structure, not the heart of our organization. Operating in a temporary location, we continue to operate as an open admission shelter for Galveston Island and our programs range from adoption and placement, to humane education and community programs such as our low cost Spay/Neuter programs. We are a non-profit, 501c3 organization who relies on contributions and fundraising to operate our shelter. In the midst of a Capital Campaign, we hope to begin building our new shelter by early summer.

The **Krewe of Barkus and Meoux** is celebrating our 11th year. This year the proceeds raised from the parade will sponsor our annual **Fix 'Em for \$5** week beginning Feb. 23rd, which is held in conjunction with the national Spay Day USA. This program serves low-income families on the Island. For more details, see our website, [www.galvestonhumane.org](http://www.galvestonhumane.org). For programs in other areas, check your local shelters. We plan to "fix" at least 50 pets with the help of this parade.

## THE KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX PARADE

**WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 PM  
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

**CHECK IN AND ON-SITE REGISTRATION  
WILL BEGIN AT 12:00 PM  
26TH AND SEAWALL**

Pets and their humans are encouraged to wear their Mardi Gras finest—or any fun outfits that make them feel good.

A costume contest is planned prior to the start of the parade. Those chosen few will be asked to walk in the front of the parade.

*Remember, proof of current rabies vaccinations must be provided for all pets and those walking must be on leash, no longer than 6 feet. No retractable leashes please. Control must be maintained at all times.*

**The parade will begin at 27th and Seawall Blvd. and travel west to 41 St, turning north to the open lot at Ave U and disband. There will be water for humans and pets at the end of the parade.**

### Parade Fees (per pet)

**Pre-Registration (by 2/14) \$20**

**Parade Site Registration \$25**

*NOTE: A limited number of extra shirts are available. Late registration may not guarantee a shirt. No additional shirts will be ordered.*

**Parade Site T-Shirts \$15**

### Beads

Beads will not be provided and are not required. If you choose to throw beads remember this is a long parade. Plan a way to carry and distribute beads that will be safe for your pets.

## The 11th Annual Krewe of Barkus and Meoux Mardi Gras Parade Sunday, February 22, 2009 Parade Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Type/Breed (or best guess): \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes event t-shirt

Pre-registration fee: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

\*On-site registration fee: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

*\*NOTE: There will be a limited number of shirts available. Late registration may not guarantee a shirt if they are sold out. No additional shirts will be ordered. Shirts will not be mailed.*

Sorry, we can't parade this year but enclosed is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: Check \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to GIHS)

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Register by 2/14 to reserve shirt size

Child S \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ Adult S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

(Shirt sizes for on-site registration will be issued as available)

*In consideration of the furtherance of your purpose, objectives, work and in consideration of your permitting of me and my pet/pets to participate in this event, on behalf of myself, my animal(s), parents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, we hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims at which I/we may incur against you, the municipalities through which we travel as well as any other person connected with the event, to include the GIHS and any Member of the Board of Directors or Advisors, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, for any and all injuries which I or my pet(s) may suffer while taking part in the event(s) or results thereof.*

*All photographs taken in conjunction with the event are the property of the GIHS and may be used without expressed permission.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BROCHURE MAY BE REPRODUCED FOR  
ADDITIONAL PETS AND OTHERS