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## Celebrate 30 Years of Run for the Animals on October 5

**Bloomington, IN**—Monroe County Humane Association (MCHA) is excited to host the 30th Annual Run for the Animals, presented by The Dog House, this upcoming Sunday, October 5, 2025, at Karst Farm Park. This beloved annual event brings together fitness enthusiasts, animal lovers, and community members for a day of fun and community in support of MCHA's vital programs and services.

Run for the Animals is a timed 5K run/walk where participants can challenge themselves or enjoy a casual walk with their pets. New in 2025, we're thrilled to partner with Perfect Timing Race Management, known for their work with major local events like Hoosiers Outrun Cancer and the Hoosier Half Marathon.

The improved 5K course starts at Karst Farm Park, with a portion of the course winding through the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Be sure to stick around after the race and awards ceremony to explore sponsor tables and participate in the Pet Costume Contest, or test your dog's skills in the Fastest Peanut Butter Licker Contest!

To participate in the 5K, register online through October 3 at [monroehumane.org/5k](https://monroehumane.org/5k) or register onsite on the day of the race between 8-9 a.m.

**Event Schedule:**

Sunday, October 5

8:00 AM: Packet Pick-up & Onsite Registration Opens

9:20 AM: Registration Closes

9:30 AM: 5K Run/Walk Begins

10:30 AM: 5K Run/Walk Awards Ceremony

11:00 AM: Pet Costume Contest, Fastest Peanut Butter Licker Contest, & Raffle Winners Announced

For more information and to register, visit [monroehumane.org/5k](https://monroehumane.org/5k) or contact MCHA at [mcha@monroehumane.org](mailto:mcha@monroehumane.org) or 812-333-6242.

Every dollar raised from the Run for the Animals goes directly toward supporting MCHA's life-saving programs and services, including the Nonprofit Veterinary Clinic, Crisis Housing Program, Pet Food Pantry, Spay/Neuter Assistance, Street Outreach Program, Mobile Vaccine Clinics, and Education Programs.

The 30th Annual Run for the Animals is presented by The Dog House, offering cage-free boarding in a cozy, home-like environment. With 24-hour staffing and personalized care, The Dog House strives to be your pet's home away from home. Learn more at [trydoghouse.com](https://trydoghouse.com).

**A special thank you to all of this year's sponsors:**

The Dog House, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe County Parks & Recreation, Shine Insurance Agency, Bloomington Indiana Kennel Club, German American Bank, Luke Miller Photography, Mad 4 My Dog, Pizza X, Raising Cane's, RCV Roofing, Scout's Honor, ABR Print, College Mall Veterinary Hospital, Fresh Thyme, IU Credit Union, Remotely Helpful Services, RootAdvisors, Studio K-9, Tic-Tac Toes Mobile Pet Care Services, and Town and Country Veterinary Clinic

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun day out with your furry companion, there's something for everyone. Join us in celebrating 30 years of making a difference for local animals!

**About Monroe County Humane Association (MCHA)**

Monroe County Humane Association has been dedicated to strengthening the bond between animals and their human companions since 1956. MCHA serves Monroe County and surrounding areas through essential programs like the Nonprofit Veterinary Clinic, Crisis Housing Program, Mobile Vaccine Clinics, and the Pet Food & Supply Pantry. In 2024, MCHA distributed 28,000 pounds of food and provided more than \$134,000 in free veterinary care to pets in need. MCHA is committed to keeping pets with families and out of shelters, providing resources for pet owners in crisis, and promoting a more humane future for all.

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