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DAWG's support of SPAN keeps seniors and pets together

Dallas Agility Working Group (DAWG) is bringing a new meaning to the term “fur-ever home” by selecting Senior Pets Assistance Network (SPAN) to be their sponsored charity this year.

SPAN assists Dallas County low-income senior citizens so they can keep their pets with them at home for a longer time. Ten years ago, SPAN founders discovered that many seniors share with their pets the little food their fixed incomes can purchase, and they may even delay or avoid medical treatment due to concern about what happens to their pets if they become hospitalized. SPAN provides pet food and financial assistance for veterinary care to these individuals.

“For many seniors, their pets are their only 'family' and being able to keep them makes all the difference in their lives,” says Dori Page, the DAWG member who nominated SPAN as the 2016 charity to be sponsored by the club.

DAWG will promote SPAN at several events during the remainder of 2016. The club challenges both participants and attendees to donate to their “Ton of Love” pet food drive, with the goal of collecting one ton of food to give to SPAN. Donations should be any of the following brands: Pedigree Dry Food (small bite and adult size), Pedigree Canned Food, and Purina Adult Dry Food. Smaller bags are preferred so the seniors can carry them more easily.

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DAWG sponsors SPAN

DAWG 2016 events include:

- DAWG's annual Pretzel Run at the Town of Addison's Oktoberfest is on Sunday, Sept. 18, 12-2 pm. This dog agility demonstration features an 80-foot tunnel that is wrapped in the shape of a pretzel.
- DAWG's USDAA Fall Trial will be held Oct. 15-16 at Myers Park in McKinney, Tex. The club requests that attendees bring 1-lb of food per each run entry.
- DAWG will present a \$1,000 check to SPAN at their AKC trial in the Diamond T Arena in Denton, Tex., on Nov. 18-20, 2016. The club requests that attendees bring 1-lb of food per each run entry.

Monetary donations can be made at any of the events, as well as via the Donate button at

www.seniorpets.org.

DAWG is one of the very first agility clubs established in the U.S. in 1985, and the oldest that exists today. The club provides training and education for dog owners so that they can build their own bond and enjoy healthy activity with their pets. More information can be found at www.dawgagility.org.

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