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## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Animal Appreciation Day Celebration & National Animal Shelter Appreciation Day**

**Michigan City, IN - All members of the general public and their pets are invited to participate on Monday in a joint celebration of Animal Appreciation Day and National Animal Shelter Appreciation Day. A number of events and activities are scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2006, at Memorial Park from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

**Two featured attractions for Monday have been scheduled as follows:**

- \*10:00 a.m.: Michigan City Police K-9 Unit Demonstration**
- \*11:00 a.m.: Presentation by IDNR Officer Gene Davis**

**Representatives from various animal shelters will be in attendance at Memorial Park on Monday with a number of animals that are available for adoption. Organizations that are scheduled to participate in National Animal Shelter Appreciation Day are: Fried's Cat Shelter; Gary Lake Shore Humane Society; Independent Cat Society; Lake County Animal Control; and Michiana Humane Society.**

**The Michiana Humane Society will also be offering the microchipping of animals for a fee of \$25.00. In the event that a pet with a microchip gets lost, any shelter that receives a lost pet can scan the pet's microchip and obtain the necessary information to contact the pet owner and reunite the lost pet with its owner.**

**Beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning, City officials will be on hand to sell "2007" City animal tags to pet owners. All owners must have a copy of their pet's current rabies shot vaccination paperwork in order to purchase a 2007 City animal tag.**

**In anticipation of the approaching cold winter weather, Michigan City's Annual Straw and Dog House Giving Campaign will kickoff on Monday. While supplies last, pet owner's can go to Memorial Park on Monday to pick-up free straw and dog houses to**

**protect their pets against the harsh winter weather conditions. Donations of straw bales and dog houses will also be accepted in order to maximize the impact of this program.**

**The Michigan City Animal Control Department is also seeking volunteers that would be interested in becoming Humane Disaster Relief Personnel. This initiative is a component of Michigan City's Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Management Director John Jones will be accepting applications on Monday for these volunteer positions. Training would be available for any volunteers.**

**Memorial Park is located at 801 Liberty Trail, at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Liberty Trail. If you bring your pet, please remember that animals must be on a leash or in a cage.**