

Press Release



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"Comedienne Kathy Griffin and Steve Wozniak To Reign Over The Fur Ball, Humane Society Silicon Valley's Annual Black Tie Fundraiser



SANTA CLARA, Calif., March 19, 2008 – Emmy Award-winning comedienne Kathy Griffin and Silicon Valley legend Steve Wozniak, will reign as Queen and King of The Fur Ball, Humane Society Silicon Valley's annual black tie fundraiser, on Saturday, April 5, from 6:00 – 11:00 pm at the Centennial Lot of California's Great America.

"This year's Fur Ball theme, 'True-Blue Companion' was chosen to demonstrate the important role animal companions play in our lives and the magic that happens when people bond with their pets," said Christine Benninger, president of Humane Society Silicon Valley.

Bravo Television will film highlights of Kathy's "reign as queen" for her show, "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List." Wozniak is a long-time benefactor of HSSV.

The Fur Ball is an elegant evening where guests can attend with their animal companions in a "free-flow" atmosphere. Event entertainment includes wine tasting and "dinner by the bite" with numerous wineries and restaurants. Guests will walk "the blue carpet" with their animal companions, have artists create artworks of their animal companions, consult with animal psychics about their pets and dance the night away to the live music of Mark Russo and The Classy Cats. A silent and live auction will round out The Fur Ball. Attendees can bid on everything from a Victory Motorcycle to a sailing yacht excursion in the Bahamas.

Funds raised through The Fur Ball support crucial and vibrant HSSV programs. Tickets are \$250 per person and must be reserved in advance, as event attendance is limited to 350 people. For ticket information, or to make a donation, call 408.727.3383 ext. 879.

Financial support for The Fur Ball includes Heritage Bank of Commerce, Fort Dodge, Morgan Stanley (Michael J. Bonasera), Fry's Electronics, Toeniskoetter & Breeding Development, Pfizer, and Walt & Company Communications. Event support includes: Maggiano's Little Italy, La Fondue, The Plumed Horse, Fleming Jenkins Vineyards & Winery, Citti's Florist and Tiffany & Co. Media partners include Gentry Magazine and NBC11. For more information, visit www.thefurball.info

About Humane Society Silicon Valley

Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is an independent, non-profit agency offering quality adoptions, medical care and education programs to enhance the human-animal bond. Established in 1929, HSSV has served Silicon Valley for 78 years and has adopted more than 500,000 animals into permanent, loving homes. HSSV is an "open door" shelter and accepts animals 24-hours a day, seven days a week. HSSV's medical center offers affordable spaying/neutering, vaccinations and microchips to the public. More information about HSSV can be found at www.hssv.org.

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