

“100 Hounds of Kirkland”

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HOT DIGGITY HOUNDS: KIRKLAND DOGS RAISE \$11,789 FOR THE SEATTLE HUMANE SOCIETY

*“100 Hounds of Kirkland’s” First-ever Bark the Vote/Calendar Event
Demonstrates the Power of “Grass-woofs”*

KIRKLAND, WASH. (SEPTEMBER 18, 2009) -- Catharine Handfelt, Kirkland photographer and creator of “100 Hounds of Kirkland”(TM) -- a series of photographs showcasing canines all over Kirkland -- today announced that the Sept. 10 “100 Hounds”/Bark the Vote event on Park Lane raised \$11,789 in support of the Seattle Humane Society.

“We can’t thank Cathy enough for using her fabulous portraits of dogs to benefit the animals at the Seattle Humane Society,” said Brenda Barnette, the CEO of the Seattle Humane Society. “This was a wonderful community-building event that proved once again that animal lovers are big-hearted, generous, and willing to help pets in need.”

Handfelt unveiled her photos of 170+ Kirkland dogs on Kirkland’s Park Lane last Thursday evening before a crowd of local dog-lovers. The first-ever “100 Hounds”/Bark the Vote event allowed the public to vote for their favorite “hounds” for the upcoming “2010 ‘100 Hounds of Kirkland’ Calendar” -- with net proceeds benefitting the Seattle Humane Society. (Calendars will be available in late October, more information coming soon.)

The results are in and the 2010 Calendar dogs are as follows (in alphabetical order): "Beans, Dooley and Hazel" Bartlett (owned by Dooley’s Doghouse owners Chuck and Marti Bartlett); "Boomer" Taylor, the "Coverdog" - cover auctioned off at the event (owned by Susan and Don Taylor); "Buddy" Kracht (owned by Teena Kracht); "Chopper" Keys (owned by Marilyn and Travis Keys); "Coco" Otten (owned by Sally Otten); "Hamilton" Opsahl (owned by Megen Opsahl); "Isis and Delilah" Amira (owned by Marcelle Amira); “Jasper” Proctor (owned by Halee Proctor); "Luna" Knight (owned by Margaret Knight); "Luna" Leckness (owned by Stephanie Leckness); "Max-A-Million" Naulleau (owned by Helene Naulleau); "Max" Utley (owned by Les and Liz Utley); and "Ollie" Humphries (owned by Maria Humphries).

“Bark the Vote” was part of Kirkland’s “Second Thursdays on Park Lane” series. Citizens donated \$1 per vote for their favorite dog with numbered photos of all of the participating dogs on display. The “100 Hounds of Kirkland” series was founded by Handfelt “on a bark” in the spring of 2009. She spent the summer photographing all kinds of dogs all over Kirkland. For more information, visit: www.littlemonarchstudios.com or www.seattlehumane.org.

“100 Hounds of Kirkland...it’s a dog help dog world.”(TM)