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### **ENJOY AN EVENING OF COMEDY FOR THE BENEFIT OF HOMELESS ANIMALS**

**Roseville, CA** – Tickets are still available for Placer SPCA's Funny Bones event on Friday, March 27.

The Placer SPCA takes this opportunity each year to present Hero Awards to Humane Heroes in our community. Honorees this year include a cat and her owner who bring comfort to hospice patients, a dog whose quick response helped a mother save her drowning toddler, an Auburn woman who rescues orphaned fawns, two children who have come up with creative ideas to make contributions to help homeless animals, and other extraordinary animals and people. Additionally, the Placer SPCA will present local fire departments with life-saving oxygen masks designed especially for pets.

Guests will have the opportunity to bid on unique live and silent auction items, including artwork by local and national celebrities. These "Celebrity Doodles" are completely original and fanciful, including local radio and television personalities, Robin Williams, Bob Barker, Betty White, and Tippi Hedren.

Local architects and builders have teamed up to create amazing custom dog houses to suit the most pampered pooch. Winning bidders in the live auction will enjoy the beauty and functionality of these one-of-a-kind pet homes. Other items up for bid are a five-day photo safari in South Africa and a stay in a Kauai condominium. The silent auction includes airline tickets, wine tasting, concert tickets, and many other exciting items.

Participants at Funny Bones will also enjoy a catered dinner and stand-up comedy by James P. Connolly, whom many know from his show on XM radio and multiple HBO, Comedy Central, and VH1 appearances.

Funny Bones is a major fundraiser for the Placer SPCA, all the more important this year. "We are seeing an increase in animals brought in because their owners are forced to move," said CEO Leilani Vierra, "When people don't know where they are going to be living, they find themselves unable to keep their pets." In addition to sheltering homeless animals, proceeds from this event will help the Placer SPCA provide local expertise in animal behavior, low-cost spay and neuter assistance, affordable rabies shots and microchips, and humane education.

Funny Bones begins at 5:30 pm at the Timber Creek Ballroom at 7050 Del Webb Blvd. in Roseville. Tickets are \$70 each and must be purchased in advance. For tickets, contact the **Placer SPCA at (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387, extension 102**. Event sponsorships are available beginning at \$250. More information about the event, including more items available in the live and silent auction, is available at **[www.placerspca.org](http://www.placerspca.org)**.

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