

Immediate Release
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**FUN RUN RAISES MORE THAN
\$6000 FOR FRIENDS**

West Palm Beach, FL-- On Saturday, Aug. 28, more than 100 people and their dogs participated in a dog agility fun run at the South Florida Fairgrounds. The event raised more than \$6000 for Friends of Abused Children, Inc. and was organized by Kevin Powers of Wellington and the Tailwagger's Learning Center benefit.



Tailwaggers (l. to r.) Karen, Ryan and Kevin Powers participate in the Fun Run with their dogs Ace and Ripley

Competing dogs were guided through an obstacle course by their owners using vocal commands and hand signals. In addition, there was a prize raffle, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

During the event, a \$3000 check was presented to Friends' Board members Laurie Briggs and Lisa McDermott from the Ironhorse Charitable Foundation. The check was in memory of two Foundation members who were supporters of Friends and who had passed away this year, Jerry Gruberg and Bill Jenner.



Tailwaggers (l. to r.) Friends Board Members Lisa McDermott and Laurie Briggs received a check from Kevin Powers representing the Ironhorse Charitable Foundation

We are so grateful to Kevin Powers, his family, the Tailwaggers, the Ironhorse Charitable Foundation, our sponsors, and everyone who came out to support this event, said President Laurie Briggs. Because of the kindness of so many people, Friends can continue helping children who are adjudicated to state-care.

Friends of Abused Children, Inc. is a 25-year-old non-profit organization which provides funds to relatives and non-relatives who are caring for children with a dependency case. Donations received help these children receive one-on-one tutoring, send them to summer camp, allow them to participate in enrichment programs, receive emergency medical and dental services, help college costs and provide clothing and school uniforms.

Sponsors of the event include: Ironhorse Charitable Foundation, South Florida Fair, CL Communications Inc. Tailwaggers Learning Center, NTI Global, LSPhotoSmith.com, Schaumberg Industries, Agility-Equipment, Bravo Sports, Dr. Michelle Jobert, DVM, The Powers Family, Circle S Agility, Wicker Guesthouse, Blue Ribbon Agility, MyFunkyKeyWest.com, Publix, Heroes Veterinary Clinic, NY Prime Steak House, National Multiple Listings, Paws and Tails, DogBedWorks, Agility Works, Way To Weave, Animal Medical Clinic At Wellington , Hands 4 Paws, Pet Supplies Plus, Plan-It Promotions, Inc., Paw Prints On Your Heart, , Say Yes Dog Training, Bay Pets, J & J Dog Supplies. Complete Physique, Max 200 Performance Dog Equipment, Panera Bread, Park Avenue Grill and Chili's.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, Friends will host the Second Annual Fondue with Friends at the Melting Pot in Palm Beach Gardens. For additional information, please call Friends at 561-659-5005 or visit their website at www.friendspbc.org.