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ST CROIX AWC JOINS WORLD WIDE ADOPT-A-THON EVENT TO SAVE HOMELESS ANIMALS

St Croix, VI—April 21, 2008—The St Croix Animal Welfare Center (AWC) is gearing up to adopt as many pets as possible to loving homes during the weekend of May 3 and May 4, 2008. Dogs and cats, puppies and kittens are seeking forever homes via adoption.

St. Croix AWC has joined the 14th annual pet adopt-a-thon, the world's largest pet adoption event. Hundreds of shelters in dozens of countries are participating in the 2008 event. Participating shelters are entered into a drawing for \$5,000 to be awarded by North Shore Animal League America after the adoption event.

Discounted adoption rates will be offered during the adopt-a-thon weekend. Adoption fees cover vaccines, dewormings, spayed or neutered surgeries. Also prior to adoption shelter staff and volunteers work to socialize animals, give them proper exercise, pet care and, of course, love and attention.

In addition to the shelter facility at #32 Clifton Hill, the AWC flea market located at # 18 Orange Grove will host off site adoptions on Saturday May 3 beginning at 9 a.m. plus special sales for shoppers.

“Hundreds of animals found permanent homes last year through the adoption facility operated by the St Croix AWC,” said executive director and staff veterinarian Dr. Stacia Boswell, V.M.D. “We are the only organization on island providing animal rescue, care and adoption services for the numerous homeless companion animals on St Croix.”

To view animals available for adoption, visit the shelter facility in Clifton Hill. To learn more about the work of St Croix AWC, to volunteer or sponsor and animal call us at 340-778-1650.

Pet Adopt-a-thon 2008 was created by the North Shore Animal League America to save the lives of hundreds of homeless animals. For more information on the event visit www.animal-league.org/petadoptathon2008.

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Founded in 1973, the St Croix Animal Welfare Center promotes the humane treatment of animals in the St. Croix community through education, encouragement, and enforcement.