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**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Defend Your Friend 5K Run/Fun Walk**

(Columbus, OH) – Support the Capital Area Humane Society's Animal Law Enforcement program and join us at Hilliard Homestead Park on Thursday, June 28. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Capital Area Humane Society's Animal Law Enforcement Program.

All runners, walkers and friendly, socialized dogs are welcome to attend. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the race starts at 7 p.m. The entry fee for CAHS members is \$20 per person, non-members is \$20 on or before June 21; \$25 after June 21, and each dog is \$5 to enter into the race. The first 250 registrants and 50 dogs will receive an event t-shirt or bandana. The entry fee is the minimum amount required to participate. Help Defend Your Friend even more by collecting pledges or sponsorships. Prizes will be awarded, immediately following the race.

Register online at [www.premierraces.com](http://www.premierraces.com) or visit the Humane Society and fill-out a registration form.

This event is sponsored by AEP Ohio, RunningCat Creative Services, Bigelow Insurance Group, Columbus City Prosecutors Office, Amanda Hills Pure Spring Water, Pet Butler, Whole Foods Market, Panera Bread, the Buggy Family, and Cheryl's Doggie Day Care.

Can't make it to the event? The Capital Area Humane Society is always accepting donations to ensure the health and safety of Columbus' neglected, homeless and abused animals. Our wish list is located on our website at [www.caahs-pets.org](http://www.caahs-pets.org).

The Capital Area Humane Society, a non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1883, provides programs and services for animals and people in Central Ohio. More than 98 percent of our funding is provided by donations and fees for services, we are not a government agency and we do not receive operating support from national organizations. For more information about the Capital Area Humane Society, visit [www.caahs-pets.org](http://www.caahs-pets.org).

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