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**PAWS' Wild Night Gala Breaks Fundraising Record**

Wild Night: A Gala Celebration for PAWS, benefiting the programs and services at the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), broke all previous records, raising more than \$285,000 at their recent event. On April 5, 2008, more than 520 community members gathered to support PAWS at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel for an animal-friendly gourmet dinner, live music, a moving presentation of PAWS' *Youth Helping Animals Award* and exciting auctions.

"We are thrilled to have such an outpouring of support from the community," said PAWS Executive Director Annette Laico. "And to top it off, it was such an enjoyable evening, with a packed room of laughter and smiles, all for the animals."

More than 80 percent of funding for PAWS' \$2.5 million operating budget comes through gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations. Events like Wild Night are key to providing life-saving companion animal and wildlife services, and education for the community.

Event photos are available upon request.

A Northwest leader in protecting animals since 1967, PAWS shelters homeless dogs and cats, rehabilitates injured and orphaned wildlife, and empowers people to demonstrate compassion and respect for animals in their daily lives.

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