



IT'S TIME FOR DOG POWER!

FRIENDS OF HOMELESS ANIMALS (FOHA) WILL BE REPRESENTED IN ANIMAL PLANET'S PUPPY BOWL PRESENTS: DOG BOWL II!

63 Adoptable Dogs Compete From 31 Shelters Across 15 States!

(January 4, 2018) – Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA) is doggone thrilled to announce we have a doggie player in this year's **DOG BOWL II**. Everyone's favorite pup-to-pup competition airs during the ROAD TO PUPPY BOWL XV **Saturday, February 2nd at 8pm ET/PT on Animal Planet**. This one-hour special is hosted by award-winning animal advocate, Jill Rappaport.

Rocky is one of 63 competing in DOG BOWL, where the dogs range in ages from 2-16 years old and there are a variety of breeds and mixed breeds represented including a cocker spaniel, pug, german shepherd, basset hound, pomeranian, chihuahua, bulldog, pekingese, boxer, american eskimo and many more!

The two teams have brand new names, **TEAM GOLDIES** and **TEAM OLDIES** and they'll compete to win the day – and your hearts.

Rocky came to Friends of Homeless Animals when his owners found out they were expecting a baby. His big, fun personality quickly won over staff and volunteers alike. For reasons that were unclear to those who knew and loved him, his stay at the shelter lasted for weeks, then months, then years. Finally, after nearly three years at the shelter, a couple came to the shelter to meet only one dog – Rocky! They instantly fell in love and Rocky is now living out his days in the comfort of a home with people who adore him.

This year's halftime show will feature DC Humane Alliance's 'Barktoberfest' with senior wiener dog races and Jill Rappaport reporting on amazing dog adoption stories.

Dog Bowl II also includes several special needs dogs including **Sutty** (a three-legged Pomeranian / Border Collie mix), **Anneliese** (a three-legged Beagle mix), **Wilma** (a partially blind Chihuahua), **Captain Will** (a one-eyed Chihuahua / Shih Tzu mix), **Mr. Bojangles** (a Poodle/Shih Tzu mix who is also our first wheelchair player!), **Elijah** (a straight-legged German Shepherd), **Gizmo** (a partially blind Papillon Mix) and **Audrey** (a deaf Australian Shepherd / Border Collie mix).

The Olate performing dogs who won the seventh season of *America's Got Talent* will be the featured tail-gaters as they root for their favorite team and players.

Senior celebrity rescue dogs such as, **Mervin the Chihuahua** (@mervinthechihuahua), **Marnie the Dog** (@marniethedog), Kimchi Kardoggian (@the_kardoggians), and **Ella Bean** (@ellabeanthedog) will also be getting in on all of the DOG BOWL action this year.

For the last 14 years, Animal Planet's PUPPY BOWL has owned the world's cutest sporting event on television. And this year marks the second DOG BOWL as well! Dog Bowl barkers representing rescues and shelters from across the country compete in adorable team plays that will hopefully lead to finding their furever homes.

Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA) is a 501c3 shelter and rescue in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Founded 45 years ago, FOHA has provided exemplary care and found permanent, loving homes to thousands of homeless companion animals. Located on over 40 acres in beautiful Aldie, Virginia, FOHA partners with overburdened shelters and rescues to save lives.

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