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## **Putts for Mutts Charity Golf and Putting Tournament Tees Off at Desert Willow**

**Thousand Palms, November 12, 2008** – Even in a recession golfers need their fix. So why not let their green fees go to charity? The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Putts for Mutts Charity Golf and Putting Tournament tees off Monday, December 1, at the Desert Willow Golf Resort in Palm Desert, rated four and a half stars out of five by *Golf Digest Magazine* as one of the best courses to play. Shotgun start is 7:30 am. Players of all levels can enjoy this best ball format, with prizes for lowest team score, fewest putts, longest drive, and closest to the pin events.

The \$200 green fee includes continental breakfast and a post-tournament lunch. Welcome bags feature the first ever Animal Samaritans wall calendar and other gifts. “Corporate Team” price incentives are offered to companies sponsoring 4 or more employees. The event will reach capacity at 144 players.

During the tournament Desert Europe Motorcars in Rancho Mirage is giving away a luxury Porsche to a lucky Hole-in-One golfer, and players can also win an electric golf cart from Electric Cart Distributors. Rounds of free golf, and golf equipment will be among the prizes for top golfers and putters.

Animal Samaritans’ putting tournament is open to the public and takes place between 7:30am and 12:00 noon. People of all ages and skill levels are invited to come out to Desert Willow and putt for charity. Prizes will be awarded to the top putters. Contestants pay just \$10.

Non-golfing animal lovers can help support the cause by joining us for the post-tournament luncheon at the resort restaurant. The cost for lunch only is \$25.

To register online visit the Animal Samaritans website at [www.animalsamaritans.org](http://www.animalsamaritans.org), or call Animal Samaritans at 760-343-0837.

Animal Samaritans SPCA, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization founded in 1978, is committed to improving the lives of animals and people. As the Coachella Valley’s most comprehensive animal welfare organization, we strive to one day eliminate the needless suffering and abuse of homeless and unwanted animals. Programs and services in place to save the lives of healthy and treatable animals include prevention through humane education, low-cost and no-cost spay and neuter, low-cost vaccinations, low-cost dental care and pet wellness exams, microchipping, animal sheltering and pet adoptions. In addition, more than one hundred volunteers from our Animal Assisted Therapy programs visit disabled children from special needs classrooms, nursing home residents, and hospital patients, while our Animal Assisted Activities teams see residents of Juvenile Hall.

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