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# Purr'n Pooch Foundation to take great strides for animal charity with 5K Canine Classic

### To be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Pier Village in Long Branch

**LONG BRANCH** — On Saturday, Oct. 4, the Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals will hold its 4th Annual 5K Canine Classic Run/Walk Classic to benefit animal charity. The race begins at 8 a.m. seaside at Pier Village, One Chelsea Ave., here. All are welcome to attend and dogs are required to run or walk on leash. One dog per handler/runner is requested.

Pre-register at [www.purrnpoochfoundation.org](http://www.purrnpoochfoundation.org).

Race shirts will be given to all pre-registered two-legged participants and are subject to availability for same day registrants. Cost is \$30 per pre-registered adult, \$35 on race day, and dogs walk or run for free. Race is rain or shine.

The course is flat along the boardwalk, out and back, closed to motor vehicles, and professionally chip-timed. After the race, there will be bagels and refreshments, and awards will be presented to the first overall male and female runner; first, second and third overall male runner/k9 team and first, second and third overall female runner/k9 team.

The Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals awards annual grants to non-profit, no-kill animal welfare organizations to be used for day-to-day operations, emergency relief, spay/neuter efforts, veterinary care, equipment, construction, vehicle purchases, educational programs and special projects. The organization is able to help support the efforts of the charitable organizations by holding fundraisers such as the race.

In 2013, the foundation awarded grants to 11 non-

profit animal welfare organizations including MidAtlantic Bulldog Rescue, New Life Boxer Rescue, German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue, Marine Mammal Stranding Center, Monmouth County SPCA, All Fur Love Animal Rescue and Project Animal Worldwide.

Take great strides for animal charity and join the race by visiting online at [www.purrnpoochfoundation.org](http://www.purrnpoochfoundation.org) to register. As part of this event, registrants can create a personal fundraising page when they register. There are options to participate as an individual, join or create a team. Those who are unable to participate in the race can also donate.

#### About the Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals

The Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals is dedicated to providing financial support and educational resources to non-profit, no-



Kelly Gayara and her pup, Maggie, of Ocean Grove, joined in the Canine Classic last year at Pier Village.

kill animal rescue groups and organizations from across the United States.

The Purr'n Pooch Foundation supports all

species of animals and is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Visit

[www.purrnpoochfoundation.org](http://www.purrnpoochfoundation.org).

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