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**Atlanta Pet Rescue to Benefit from Professional Dog Training Weekend
*Kelly Dunbar to Instruct APR in OPEN PAW***

ATLANTA (October 30) – Atlanta's love affair with animals is evidenced across the city from the proliferation of pets in homes, walking in parks and even being carried in purses by their owner. Nowhere in the city, however is the commitment to the well-being of pets more prominent than at Atlanta Pet Rescue. The staff and volunteer's dedication to providing a loving future for ownerless animals has earned them the honor of becoming the State of Georgia's first facility to be trained in the ground breaking OPEN PAW program by its founder, Kelly Dunbar.

Kelly and her husband, Dr. Ian Dunbar, will be in Atlanta on December 6 and 7 for *A Weekend with the Dunbars* professional dog training seminar at Zoo Atlanta. The training at Atlanta Pet Rescue is being held on December 7 in conjunction with Dunbar's appearance in Atlanta.

"Atlanta Pet Rescue is one of many quality organizations across the country that is making a positive difference in the relationship between pets and humans. The implementation of the OPEN PAW program makes the shelter a learning center for resident cats and dogs, enhances the adoptability of shelter animals, and prepares them for success in a home environment" says Kelly Dunbar, President of OPEN PAW and a Director for both the Center for Applied Animal Behavior and the K9 Games Corporation.

"Atlanta Pet Rescue is excited to have been chosen as the first OPEN PAW shelter in Georgia. We anticipate that the program will help keep more dogs in loving homes and out of shelters in the Atlanta area," says Judith Price, founder and director of Atlanta Pet Rescue.

The OPEN PAW program aims to give people and their pets the tools needed for developing lasting and successful relationships through teaching basic manners, preventing or resolving behavior problems, and reducing aggression. Although the OPEN PAW program was initially designed for educating people and pets in animal shelters and rescues, the training principles may also be implemented in veterinary clinics and home residences. OPEN PAW is a non-profit organization devoted to addressing the unwanted animal problem with a new, fresh approach and arming communities worldwide with valuable user- and animal-friendly training and behavior information.

Georgia-based Canine Behavior Clinic and K-9 Coach are presenting *A Weekend with the Dunbars*, a two-day seminar with the renowned canine experts Kelly and Dr. Ian Dunbar with informative training sessions as well as the southeast's first look at the OPEN PAW program. Kelly Dunbar will present the groundbreaking OPEN PAW behavior and training program, including the Minimum Mental Health Requirements for kennel dogs. Dr. Ian Dunbar will discuss dominance and raising the bar in dog training. For additional information or to register for A Weekend with the Dunbars visit www.k-9coach.com.

Atlanta Pet Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, no-kill, volunteer-based animal shelter operating on a shoestring budget. The shelter rescues and finds adoptive homes for about 1,200 homeless dogs and cats each year. Pets are available for adoption five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday at 720 14th Street in midtown, Atlanta. For more information on Atlanta Pet Rescue, please visit our web site, www.atlantapetrescue.org.

Kelly is also the Executive Editor of dogstardaily.com a multi-media informational website for dog professionals and owners. Kelly and her husband, renowned dog trainer and behaviorist Ian Dunbar, reside in Berkley, California. For additional information on OPEN PAW visit www.openpaw.org.