



## Media Release

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### **Join us for Canine Days at Northlands**

*Dogs take center stage at the Agricom's UFA Show Hall during Farm Fair.*

October 6, 2008 – Edmonton – Calling all dog lovers! Northlands invites dog lovers of all ages to the Agricom's UFA Show Hall on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to watch two days of exciting and energizing canine events that showcase the amazing talents and expertise of our demonstration dogs and handlers alike.

#### **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The excitement begins Saturday at 6:30 p.m. with round one of the annual Northlands Stock Dog Competition. An Alberta Stock Dog Association (ASDA) and US Border Collie Handlers Association (USBCHA) sanctioned event, the Stock Dog Competition highlights both the skill and splendor of hard working stock dogs in action.

Numerous information booths will also be set up along the concourse offering dog owners information about different dog breeds, a variety of canine businesses and services, as well as the opportunity to register in various dog sports activities offered in Edmonton and the surrounding area.

#### **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

On Sunday Canine Day activities start at 10:00 a.m. with round two of the Stock Dog Competition. The information booths will once again be open until 5:30 p.m.

In addition, the Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta will hold an information session at 12:30 p.m. Learn what pet therapy is and how you and your canine friend can become part of a growing trend to provide mutually beneficial interaction between companion animals and people of all ages.

At 2:00 p.m. ten of the very best stock dogs return to compete in the Stock Dog Competition finals.

From 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., canine paws will really start to move as the arena, divided into quarters, will feature dogs and handlers demonstrating several exciting and action packed canine sports. Watch and learn *Agility* – dogs race over, through and around objects, presented by Sherwood Barks Agility and Dog Training; *Fly Ball* – an activity that incorporates balls, jumps and a team effort, hosted by a top notch Alberta Fly Ball team; *Rally O* – a new and fun way to communicate with your canine friend, presented by Paws that Please; *Disc Dog* – where canines “soar” to unbelievable heights, watch Rebecca McKay and her talented border collie; and *Freestyle* – dancing with your four-legged friend, done by Pawsitive Dog Training and friends. The action will move from one quarter to the next every 15 minutes throughout the afternoon.

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For more information or to register your canine business, service or organization for a booth, please contact:

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