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**MEDIA ALERT/ PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

**XFINITY Live! Hosts Yappy Hour to Help Philadelphia's Abused and Abandoned Pets.**

**WHO:** Chase Utley of the Philadelphia Phillies hosts Yappy Hour at XFINITY Live! in partnership with Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), a non-profit whose mission is to save Philadelphia's abused, abandoned, and homeless animals.

**WHAT:** Adoptable dogs will fill the room with cuteness and playful barks as people come to meet their potential new best friends. Chase Utley will introduce the dogs as the event begins. He will pose for photos with fans, as well as raffle off some great prizes. Vendors will be present with a variety of dog-friendly products for sale. XFINITY Live! will be providing carnival-style foods and a variety of drinks for all who attend.

**WHEN:** On Friday, July 17 at 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** XFINITY Live! located at 1100 Pattison Ave in Philadelphia

**WHY:** To raise money for Philadelphia's homeless, abandoned, and abused animals and find PAWS shelter dogs new homes. XFINITY Live! and PAWS want to educate the public on how to properly care for pets, on the importance of adopting versus purchasing pets, and on how spaying/neutering pets can save lives and reduce the amount of homeless animals. PAWS works towards making Philadelphia a no-kill city, which means Philadelphia will no longer euthanize shelter animals.

**About XFINITY Live!**

XFINITY Live! Philadelphia is an entertainment and dining complex located in the center of Philadelphia's three major sports facilities, the Wells Fargo Center, Lincoln Financial Field and Citizens Bank Park. The venue is home to several different restaurants and bars including The Philly MarketPlace, Spectrum Grill, Broad Street Bullies Pub, PBR Bar and Grill, Victory Beer Hall and the NBC Sports Arena. In addition, XFINITY Live! also plays host to an outdoor facility centered around a 24-foot wide screen so patrons can watch their favorite events live.

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**About Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)**

PAWS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to saving Philadelphia's homeless, abandoned, and unwanted animals. PAWS is the city's largest no-kill shelter and operates two high-volume, low-cost clinics serving pet owners and rescue organizations that lack access to affordable basic veterinary care. Through its adoption locations, special events, and foster care network, PAWS finds loving homes for thousands of animals each year. PAWS is working to make Philadelphia a place where every healthy and treatable pet is guaranteed a home.

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