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## NEW Nooters Club® Apparel & Gifts Reminds Pet Owners Get Your Pets Neutered

Company to Appear at America's Family Pet Expo Apr. 11-13

**Costa Mesa, Calif., March 25, 2008**-- The wide-eyed dog, cat and rabbit with the capital O's as eyes provide a comical twist on a serious message that **NOOTERS CLUB**® hopes will inspire pet owners to get their pets fixed and save millions of lives each year. The new company, based in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., will be at the **2008 America's Family Pet Expo, booth 1504, in** Costa, Mesa, Calif. April 11-13.

**NOOTERS CLUB®** t-shirts, nightshirts, boxers, tote bags and other apparel & gifts feature a variety of light-hearted dog, cat and rabbit cartoons proclaiming "My pet's a member," "My dog stops at heavy petting" and other **NOOTERS CLUB®** sayings.

Through its clever cartoons, **NOOTERS CLUB®** wants to send a serious message to make a difference in the lives of homeless pets. According to recent statistics, an estimated 4 million homeless dogs and cats are euthanized each year by animal shelters in the United States due to pet overpopulation.

One goal of **NOOTERS CLUB®** is to help raise public awareness about the importance of getting pets spayed and neutered. Another is to help rescue organizations spay and neuter more pets by contributing a part of its proceeds to such groups. To date, the company has donated nearly \$30,000 to nonprofit animal rescue organizations.

At this year's **America's Family Pet Expo, NOOTERS CLUB®** will donate all proceeds from its window decal sales at the show to the **Linda Blair WorldHeart Foundation** in California.

"NOOTERS CLUB® sends a light-hearted message about a very serious issue," says Linda Wasche, president of Nooterwear, Inc., creators of the NOOTERS CLUB® brand. "Our nation's shelters are overcrowded with puppies and kittens that will never find homes, so preventing more from being born is essential to solving the problem. "NOOTERS CLUB® attempts to draw attention to this message in an entertaining way that we hope will get people's attention."

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Customers include **Oakland Pet Adoption Center** in Auburn Hills, Michigan, which uses **NOOTERS CLUB®** t-shirts to promote spay and neuter among shelter visitors and regional retailers such as **Pet Supplies Plus** that sell **NOOTERS CLUB®** tote bags at select stores as a shopper incentive.

"Our staff proudly wear their **NOOTERS CLUB®** t-shirts to help raise awareness among our constituents," says **Larry Obrecht**, executive director of **Oakland Pet Adoption Center** in Auburn Hills, Michigan. "The humor behind the t-shirts makes them a great ice-breaker and help us approach a serious topic in an upbeat way. We applaud **NOOTERS CLUB®** for putting its creativity and resources into such an important social issue."

Wasche is a long-time member of the animal rescue community. In her home state of Michigan, she cofounded Oakland Pet Fund, which is working to reduce euthanasia, increase spay and neuter and make Oakland County, Michigan one of the state's few no-kill counties. Wasche is creator and publisher of the pet lover e-newsletter *fur-e-tails*<sup>™</sup> and writes a monthly marketing column for *Veterinary Economics* magazine. She also runs a feral cat trap- neuter-return program in her community. Wasche holds an MA and MBA, and is a former PR firm executive and college professor who now owns and operates her own marketing firm, LW Marketworks, Inc.

Purchase **NOOTERS CLUB®** apparel & gifts at **America's Family Pet Expo** and at <u>www.nootersclub.org</u>. **NOOTERS CLUB®** also offers fundraising support to nonprofit organizations and marketing and promotional programs to veterinarians and pet products retailers. Email Wasche at <u>lindaw@nootersclub.org</u> or call 248-253-0300.

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