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GET YOUR PAWS OUT FOR A WALK!

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock MP and Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston MP are encouraging local dog lovers to get their paws out for a walk and join the RSPCA's Million Paws Walk on Sunday.

Ms Preston said the RSPCA's biggest annual fundraising event will see droves of dogs take part in 18 events across NSW and 75 in Australia.

She said all participant-raised funds go directly to help care for the more than 32,000 animals which enter NSW RSPCA shelters every year.

"Our best friends like nothing better than the sight of their owner walking towards them with their lead," she said.

"Tails will certainly be wagging as pet owners prepare for the Million Paws Walk. I encourage all local dog lovers to take their furry best friend out for a walk on Sunday and not only enjoy this great weather but some valuable time with their pet.

"And even if there is no local Million Paws Walk event, there are some great locations in our local area for residents to enjoy some play time with their pooch."

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock MP said the Million Paws Walk was a timely reminder to all dog owners of the three pillars of responsible pet ownership.

"As well as joining the fun of Sunday's walk, pet owners can help the RSPCA and look after their best mate by ensuring their pet is registered, microchipped and de-sexed," Mrs Hancock said.

"Not only do these three steps provide health and lifestyle benefits for your pet, it is the best possible chance of getting your dog returned to you if it goes missing.

"Pet registration has never been easier. And there's only one lifetime registration fee.

"You can register your pet online via the NSW Pet Registry or Service NSW websites, or by using 1 of the 99 Service NSW digital kiosks across the State, or over the counter at Hawkesbury City Council.



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“Pet registration fees go straight back to the community by funding local pounds/shelters, ranger services, dog recreation areas, and education and awareness initiatives.

“Pet owners should also create a profile on the NSW Pet Registry and keep their details up to date to ensure a joyful reunion if their dog goes missing.”

For more information visit www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au. For information on Million Paws Walk events visit www.millionpawswalk.com.au.

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