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(NAME OF TOWN) DOG OWNERS (OR GROUP NAME) TO PARTICIPATE IN MY DOG VOTES™ 3rd ANNUAL WORLDWIDE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AGAINST BREED BANS

**Annual Vigil Event Draws Dog Lovers From Boston To Beijing
Take Stand Against Breed Discrimination and Support Responsible Ownership**

Your City& State/Province– August 1, 2007 – Local dog owners, (individual name or group name or name of club or shelter) have announced they will participate in the 3rd Annual My Dog Votes™ Worldwide Candlelight Vigil Against Breed Bans by (attending/coordinating) a local vigil, to be held at (location name).

On Sunday evening, August 19th, 2007, dog lovers in over 250 locations around the world will unite to “*Light A Candle, Save A Life*” by holding a local vigil to stand up for innocent dogs and take a stand against breed bans, other forms of breed discrimination and anti-dog laws.

By lighting candles, vigil participants will help illuminate the flawed public policies and ignorance that punish good dogs and good owners, and memorialize the thousands of innocent dogs that are seized, killed, left homeless or dumped in shelters as a result of breed specific laws and measures.

Organizers and participants will also bring greater awareness to protecting the public health and safety by highlighting responsible dog ownership and dog bite safety.

“It’s time to stop killing innocent dogs and focus on protecting the public health and safety with real solutions - educating the public on safety, prevention and promoting responsible ownership.” said My Dog Votes™ founder, B. Haywood

The first My Dog Votes™ Worldwide Candlelight Vigil Against Breed Bans, with twenty-four locations, was held in August 2005. In 2006, the annual event expanded to fifty-four locations, including nine cities in China, and over 250 locations are scheduled for 2007.

In the United States, over 75 different breeds of dogs have been banned or restricted, either by name of breed or by physical description. In 2007, breed bans have been enacted in City of Dublin, Ireland, which banned 11 different breeds of dogs from public housing. In the U.K., police in Merseyside held a *Turn-In-Your-Dog Amnesty* program, sparking an international outcry. Breed bans have enacted in Europe, North and South America, and Australia.

The 3rd Annual My Dog Votes™ Worldwide Candlelight Vigil Against Breed Bans brings together people from many backgrounds and countries to show support for innocent dogs and their owners, and for the cause of responsible ownership.

About My Dog Votes™

My Dog Votes™, the T-shirt maker with a mission of *Saving Dogs and Democracy™* and *Creating Dog-Friendly, Dog-Safe Communities™*, sponsors the annual Worldwide Candlelight Vigil Against Breed Bans. On the web at: www.LightACandleSaveALife.com