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3 Local Rock Bands Hold May 1 concert to benefit animals in need All proceeds from show go to the Seattle Animal Shelter's "Help the Animals" Fund

SEATTLE - All the proceeds from a May 1 benefit concert by three local rock bands - Less Than Pure, Counterfist and Nineteen Five - will help save the lives of animals in need. The show starts at 9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Square's Central Saloon, 207 First Ave. S., Seattle (http://www.centralsaloon.com/). The house cover charge is \$8; the Pioneer Square joint cover charge is \$12 (or \$10 if purchased between 8 and 9 p.m.).

"Not only will you hear some great local bands, it's truly a chance to be a hero for many animals in need of life-saving veterinary care," says Don Jordan, Seattle Animal Shelter manager. "All proceeds from the show will go to the shelter's 'Help the Animals Fund'."

With the help of dedicated volunteers, the shelter has an active foster-care program to rehabilitate sick, injured and immature dogs and cats so they may be adopted. The shelter places approximately 1,200 animals annually into foster care. The "Help the Animals" fund helps pay for veterinary care for these animals who might otherwise have to be euthanized.

Organized by Less Than Pure vocalist Holly Zofia and guitarist Jeremy Stedman, this event aims to help reduce the number of animals euthanized each year. Last year approximately 2,700 animals were adopted from the Seattle Animal Shelter, but approximately 1,600 had to be euthanized.

"Supporting causes like this is everybody's responsibility," Zofia and Stedman said. "A part of being in a local band and in this music scene is donating your time to causes you believe in."

The Seattle Animal Shelter is open Tuesday through Sunday and is located at 2061 15th Ave. W. The telephone number is (206)386-PETS(7387). Animals available for adoption can be viewed on- line at: http://www.seattle.gov/animalshelter/Adoptnow.htm