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200 DOG ADVOCATES EXPECTED TO LIVE CHAINED TO DOGHOUSES TO "UNCHAIN OUR WORLD"

**Chicago main event plus locations nationwide will seek
Freedom for Chained Dogs during Independence Day Holiday**

May 1, 2008, Altoona, PA—Dogs Deserve Better, a nonprofit working to bring dogs into the home and family, has finalized plans for its *Chain Off 2008: Unchain our World* Event, which will take place between June 27th and July 7th, 2007. Chain Off has been held annually around the 4th of July since 2003, highlighting the reality that while Americans are celebrating their own freedom, there are tens of thousands of Man's Best Friends in every state who are still not free: America's chained and penned dogs. These dogs are found in backyards stretching from Delaware to Alaska, from Maine to Hawaii, all throughout the provinces of Canada, and in countries around the world.

The event has evolved from one woman chaining herself to a doghouse in 2003 for 33 hours, to 108 people chaining themselves in 36 states and Canada during last year's 2007 Chain Off to raise awareness for chained dogs.

Tammy S. Grimes, founder of Dogs Deserve Better, states, "We chose July 4th for this event because it symbolizes the Freedom of America, a nation's Independence. Yet we call attention to those who are still not free—dogs who live their entire lives on the end of a chain, enclosed 24/7 in a small, lonely pen. The nature of a dog is such that living away from its family, its pack, is detrimental to its very existence. A dog wants nothing more in life than to be with you."

The group is firming up plans to hold its main event in Chicago, Illinois, where advocates will live chained to doghouses for 24 hours, and a festival of sorts will be held June 28th from 11:00-5:00 p.m.

Laws against chaining dogs for life are a growing trend in America, with three states enacting laws limiting chaining, and over 110 cities and counties nationwide joining in.

See the website at www.UnchainOurWorld.org for complete *Unchain our World* information and a growing list of locations or to sponsor the nationwide event.

Dogs Deserve Better is a 501c3 nonprofit organization headquartered in Tipton, Pennsylvania, is the 2003 First Place Winner of the ASPCA Pet Protector Award, and currently has over 150 area reps in 38 states as well as in Canada.